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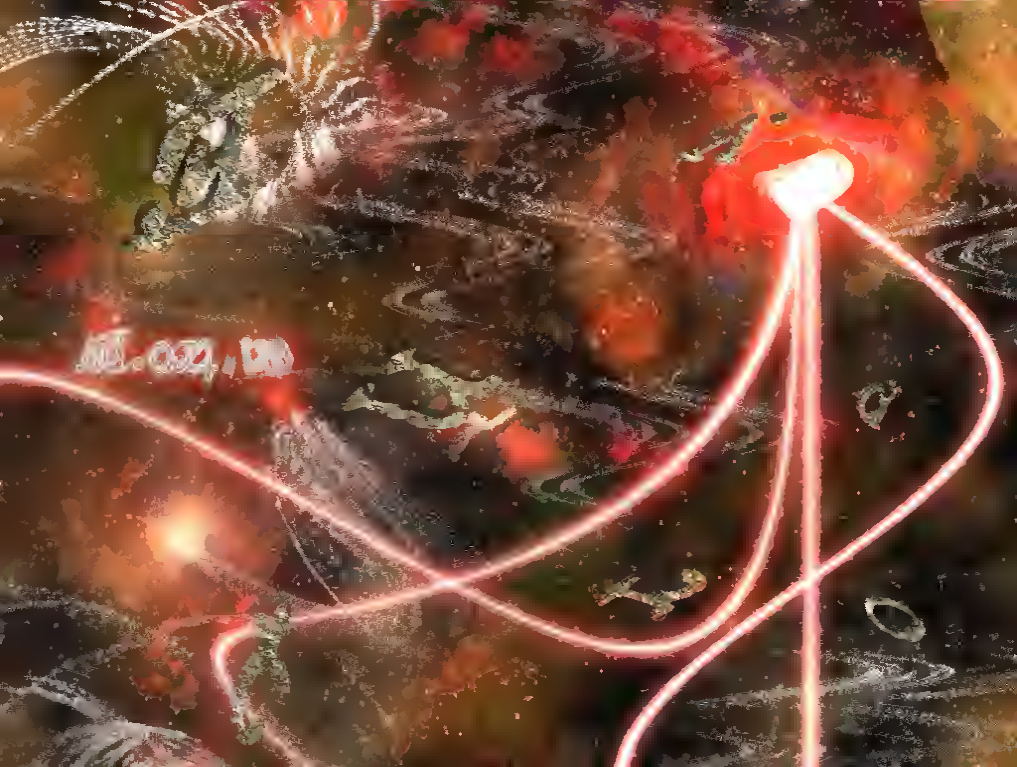

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*Japanese-style pancake sizzled with vegetable and bacon

Chapter 11
SCROLL OF MEMORIES, CHERRIES, AND GIRLS

RUSTLE
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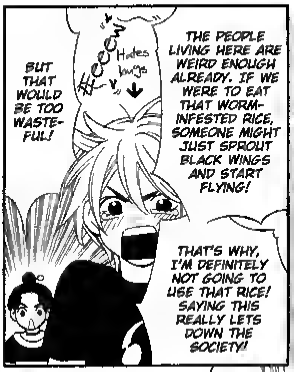
RUSH

T/N
Kanji= grave

I CAN'T HELP IT EITHER BECAUSE I CAN'T USE THE RICE!
And that's stir-fried! stir-fried what?!
I APPROVE OF YOU TRYING OUT ALL KINDS OF NEW AND CREATIVE CURRY CUISINES, BUT PLEASE DON'T STRETCH TOO FAR FROM THE DOMAIN OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE, OK?!
Eek!
NOOD-LES?
Slurp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Hides lungs
BUT THAT WOULD BE TOO WASTE-FUL!
THE PEOPLE LIVING HERE ARE WEIRD ENOUGH ALREADY. IF WE WERE TO EAT THAT WORM-INFESTED RICE, SOMEONE MIGHT JUST SPROUT BLACK WINGS AND START FLYING!
THAT'S WHY, I'M DEFINITELY NOT GOING TO USE THAT RICE! SAYING THIS REALLY LETS DOWN THE SOCIETY!

BAM
THERE ARE RICE WORMS IN THE RICE.
YES, RICE WORMS.

Aah!
PERHAPS IT WOULD TASTE EVEN BETTER WITH THE ADDITION OF LITTLE BUGS!!
SINCE MY ASS!
SEE, SINCE I COOKED IT ALREADY, LET'S JUST EAT IT!
Snip
SUCH A HARD DECISION
Is rice made out of bugs?
GIVE ME ANOTHER BOWL!
CLACK

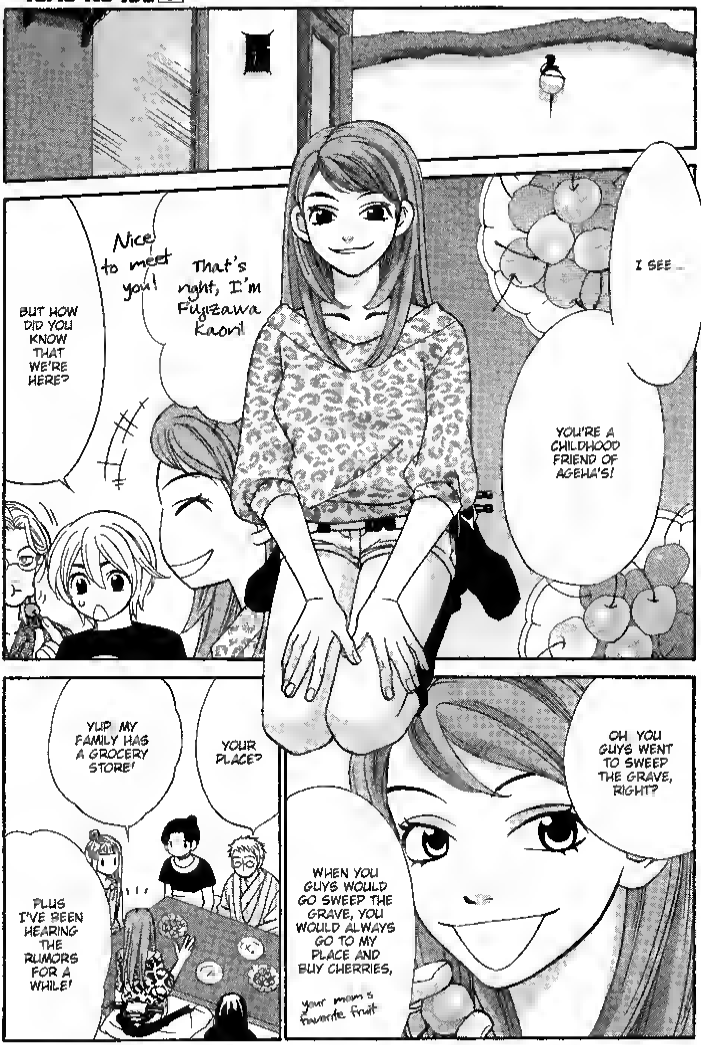
THE TASTE IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE CURRY AT HOME!
Sprayed all over his face
THE TROUBLESOME THING ABOUT EATING NOODLES IS THAT CURRY WOULD SPRAY ALL OVER THE PLACE!
WHOA! WHEN DID THEY ARRIVE?
CHOMP
CHOMP
OH, I TOLD THEM TO COME
Have big appetites
Bang
IT'S BECAUSE WE WENT TO SWEEP MOM'S GRAVE TODAY,
GROOVE
SO I JUST ASKED THEM TO STAY FOR DINNER AS WELL
SWEEP GRAVE?
WE GO EVERY MONTH ON THE DATE OF MOM'S DEATH.
I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOUR MOM PASSED AWAY ..
What?!
Oh.
I NEVER MENTIONED IT BEFORE?

IT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS ONLY SIX YEARS OLD, NANASE! WAS FOUR, AND AKANE WAS TWO
I THINK IT WAS SOME KIND OF UNKNOWN ACUTE CANCER
AND BEFORE YOU KNOW IT, TEN YEARS HAVE PASSED ALREADY...
AT THAT TIME, NANASE! ALWAYS ASKED ME, "WHEN IS MOMMY COMING BACK?" IT MADE ME VERY WORRIED!
REALLY?
BUT I REMEMBER...
...YOU NEVER GAVE ME AN ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION EITHER, RIGHT?
YEAH...
BECAUSE I WAS ALSO THINKING...
...THAT PERHAPS ONE DAY, MOM WOULD SUDDENLY APPEAR AT HOME...

GASP
stare...
AGEHA!
DING DONG
SORRY! THIS IS SOME-THING THAT HAPPENED VERY LONG AGO..
I should've been talking about it at dinner..
AH! NO,
UM..
DING DONG
ERGH... SO EM-BARRAS-SING...
SOME-ONE'S HERE!
BLUSH
WHY DID I TALK ABOUT THOSE THINGS—?
SWISH
BUT NOT LONG AFTER, I UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE
BECAUSE THE PURPOSE OF THE SO-CALLED FUNERAL WAS NOT ONLY TO LET THE PASSED AWAY REST IN PEACE,
BUT ALSO TO OFFICIALLY INFORM THE PEOPLE PRESENT THAT "YOU WILL REALLY NEVER SEE THIS PERSON AGAIN"

DING DONG
YES,
Quit ringing it, I'm coming already
IT FEELS LIKE I MADE THIS HOUSE OF SAKURA...
...MY HOME...?
SLIDE
WHOA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
Long time no see!
?
CAN I COME IN?
WAIT— WAIT A MINUTE
jog
Sorry to bother you!
jog

Good evening!
These are some little gifts, everyone please try them!
EIGHT HU
Um... Uh...
WHO, MAY I ASK, IS THIS?
Don't waste your time thinking. It's our first meeting, small-eyed uncle!
Small-eyed Uncle
ENOUGH, I'LL JUST HELP YOU ANSWER!


I SEE...
YOU'RE A CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF AGEHA'S!
That's right, I'm Fujizawa Kaori!
Nice to meet you!
BUT HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT WE'RE HERE?
OH, YOU GUYS WENT TO SWEEP THE GRAVE, RIGHT?
WHEN YOU GUYS WOULD GO SWEEP THE GRAVE, YOU WOULD ALWAYS GO TO MY PLACE AND BUY CHERRIES,
your mom's favorite fruit
YOUR PLACE?
YUP. MY FAMILY HAS A GROCERY STORE!
PLUS I'VE BEEN HEARING THE RUMORS FOR A WHILE!

Yup! He's super popular!
IS AGEHA REALLY FAMOUS IN THE AREA NEAR YOUR HOUSE-?
excited
THAT'S WHY I JUST REALLY WANTED TO COME SEE IT MYSELF!
I ALSO HEARD OF THIS
HA HA HA!
THAT IS... "The eldest son of the Arahara family was brought in under a contract to be a fulltime housewife by an unknown, mysterious person that lives in the House of Sakura"!
SHOCK
IS IT LIKE THAT...?
Uhmm... mysterious person?
IT'S BECAUSE HE'S BEEN SLIPPING IN BETWEEN HOUSEWIVES TO BUY GROCERIES SINCE HE WAS LITTLE
HE'S MORE HARD-WORKING AND PROFESSIONAL THAN ANY OTHER HOUSE-WIFE AROUND
Grandma this radish is about to rot can't you just give this to me?!
He's the idol of the nearby grandmas and moms!
FILLED WITH THIS HIGHLIGHTS OF A HOUSEWIFE WHEN HE WAS NAMED "I CAN MAKE IT BY MYSELF"
AND WAS HENCE AWARDED FIRST PLACE FOR "THE MOST WANTED TO RELY ON WHEN YOU GET OLD!"
Great Job!
I JUST CAN'T GET HAPPY U FROM THAT...
SLAP SLAP
Ooh

SLAM
Current Height
16 cm
WILL YOU PLEASE LOOK AT OTHER PLACES!
GROW TALLER?
Jr. High 3
Huh, ♡ really? ♡
You looked like this back then...
I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE YOU SEEM KIND OF DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE?
DID YOU
Sr. High 2
HM?
Squeeze
LOOK HERE, THIS IS A D-CUP ♥
HEIGHT ISN'T THE ONLY THING THAT CHANGED, HAVEN'T YOU NOTICED?
BLU
U
U
SH
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING ?!
YOU...
YOU...

WHEN ...?!
OH HH
What an outrageous remark!
what're you being shy for? Ha-chan, ← which is Ageha haven't you looked at my chest many times before already?!
AH ...?
stare
I DIDN'T, NINA...!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT NINA...!
I'm innocent!
TH-THERE'S ALWAYS ONLY NINA IN MY HEART...!
WHAT, DID I SCARE YOU?
WA HA HA HA
KA-CHAN!
I see.
HA HA HA. BUT THAT ONLY HAPPENED IN KINDER-GARTEN
We bathed together when we were little.
That's right! we were present as well

AHH—
KAORI!
YOU'RE IN HIGH SCHOOL ALREADY!
NOW, BACK TO YOU. DID YOU GROW HAIR YET?
Straight forward
A'jeka
...I TOTALLY FORGOT...
...THIS TWERP HAS BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE WE WERE KIDS
WHY DO YOU STILL LOVE MAKING THESE PERVERTED JOKES?!
BA-DUMP BA-DUMP
HAIR.
DOES SHE MEAN THAT HAIR?
OH YEAH I THOUGHT OF SOMETHING ELSE!
THE FIRST TIME WE BATHED TOGETHER
HA-CHAN, YOU WERE SHOCKED AFTER YOU SAW MY NUDE BODY...
AND YELLED, "WOW! KA-CHAN DOESN'T HAVE A LITTLE BROTHER!" AND CAUSED QUITE A COMMOTION
I BEG YOU TO STOP TALKING...
KA-CHAN
...BATH?

...HAIR?

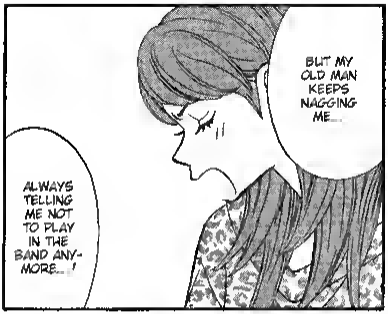
WELCOME BACK, WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?
Coming back at my embarrassing home.
THEN LET ME ASK YOU,
toru
HAVE YOU EVER SEEN AGEHA WHEN HE'S JUST WOKEN UP?
HAVE YOU SEEN THAT ADORABLE, STILL UNCONSCIOUS SIDE OF HIM HUGGING THE QUILT WHILE SNORING?
DUH! OF COURSE I HAVE!
Uooooo
THEN DO YOU KNOW THAT HE LOVES CUTE THINGS THE MOST? EVERY TIME THERE'S SOME CUTE PETS SPECIAL ON, HE'D ALWAYS WATCH IT?
His eyes would become all watery and round
Little doggie.
I WATCH IT EVERY TIME YOU ARE MR MUDSKIPPER!
Hey-Ran

MUMBLE MUMBLE
SUFFERS DEFEAT
WHAT OTHER QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE?
FROM LITTLE THINGS LIKE BIRTHMARKS TO BIG ONES LIKE HIS FIRST CRUSH ON A TEACHER, AS LONG AS IT'S ABOUT HA-CHAN, I KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!
BAM
I DON'T LIKE PEOPLE LIKE YOU JOINING THE SHIBUTANI-KUN ALLIANCE CLUB!
FLICK
OH, LOLLIPOPS? I'M NOT VERY INTERESTED IN THESE KINDS OF CHILDISH PLAY.
You should say that since n... the leaders-what. And this chibi is anyway... I'm way to busy to bother adding anymore...
RATTLE
YOU WERE A MODEL AND HOST AND KNEW HOW TO DO WEIRD DANCES. YOU WERE EVEN THE HEAD OF A GANG- RIGHT!?
AND YOU MUST BE RANGE RIGHT? I'VE HEARD SOME RUMORS!
Scoop Master

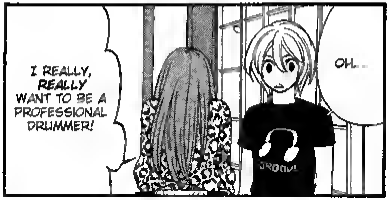
I HATE YOU THE MOST!
THAT'S FOR ME TO SAY!
CLICK CLACK
I HATE PEOPLE LIKE YOU THE MOST, THE SORT WHO LIVE SWEET, FAT AND CHILDISH LIVES LIKE LOLLIPOPS!
IT'S NOW THE ERA OF FRUIT CANDY!
At this very mo-ment,
Lollipop VS Fruit Candy's battle has officially started...!
What in the world...?

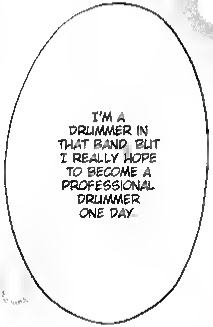
I'M GOING CRAZY FORGET ABOUT THEM. IT'LL BE FINE WHEN SHE GOES HOME!
FORGET IT..!
What is that supposed to be? You made it yourself? It's damn ugly!
Then what about chocolate eggs?
This look of mine is also... is cuter..
Lollipops can stay sweet for a comparatively long time. The taste is also...
sizzle
I'M GOING TO TAKE IT!
WOW! THIS ONE IS COOKED ALREADY!
sizzle
Why are there so many of them now?!
HEY! HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GUYS GOING TO STAY THERE?!
OH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
Yay! Yay!
My family opened a grocery store, so we can only eat the leftover products every day!
Oh, wow! This meat is so good! ♡
SCOOP
SCOOP

LOOK AT THE FACT THAT I BROUGHT RICE AND FOOD DON'T KICK ME OUT!
I want meat!
EVEN SO, NO WAY!
ISN'T THE CURFEW REALLY STRICT AT YOUR HOUSE?
IF YOU DON'T GO BACK SOON, WON'T YOU GET IN TROUBLE?
YEAH..
THEN,
THAT'S RIGHT..
WHY ARE YOU STILL HERE?


BUT MY OLD MAN KEEPS NAGGING ME...
ALWAYS TELLING ME NOT TO PLAY IN THE BAND ANY-MORE...!

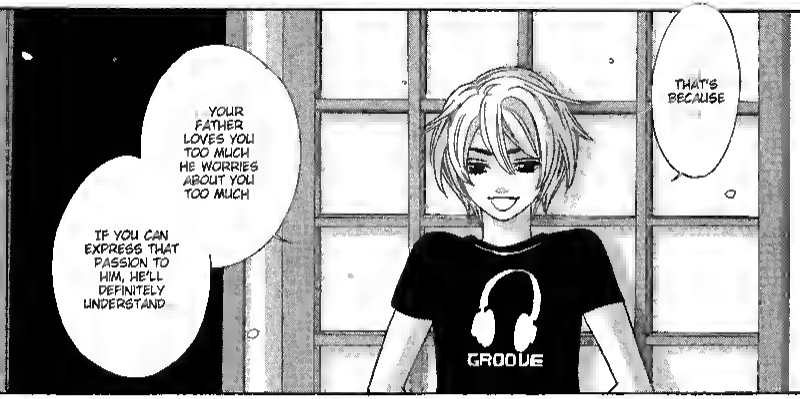
WELL, YOU KNOW I'M IN A BAND WITH NANASE! AND AKANE


I REALLY, REALLY WANT TO BE A PROFESSIONAL DRUMMER!
OH...

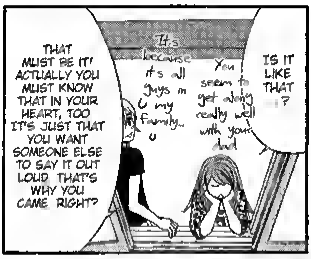

I'M A DRUMMER IN THAT BAND, BUT I REALLY HOPE TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL DRUMMER ONE DAY

BUT MY OLD MAN DOESN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT MY FEELINGS AT ALL
DO I REALLY LOOK THAT MUCH LIKE A CHILD?
AM I REALLY THAT UN-RELIABLE?

PLEASE REFER TO VOLUME 1
Nanase is a guitarist
Akane is a keyboard player
Yay!


THAT'S BECAUSE
YOUR FATHER LOVES YOU TOO MUCH HE WORRIES ABOUT YOU TOO MUCH
IF YOU CAN EXPRESS THAT PASSION TO HIM, HE'LL DEFINITELY UNDERSTAND
GROOVE

IT'LL BE FINE!
I'LL ALSO DO MY BEST TO HELP YOU REALIZE YOUR DREAM...!


IS IT LIKE THAT?
THAT MUST BE IT! ACTUALLY YOU MUST KNOW THAT IN YOUR HEART, TOO IT'S JUST THAT YOU WANT SOMEONE ELSE TO SAY IT OUT LOUD THAT'S WHY YOU CAME RIGHT?

CLATTER
HEY...
Ha-chan became even more reliable now ♡
REALLY?
IS THIS WHAT YOU CALL THE FRIENDSHIP OF CHILDHOOD FRIENDS?

AGEHA
IT'S YOUR TURN TO TAKE A BATH NOW
SPINSSS...
Take a bath?
Whoa!
Eek!
I'm definitely not taking a bath with you!
WHOA!
OW OW OW!
MY FRACTURED RIGHT HAND REALLY HURTS!
AHH, I REALLY WANT TO TAKE A BATH
BUT A HAND THAT'S WRAPPED LIKE THIS WILL BE REALLY HARD TO WASH...
I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO CAN HELP ME?
YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO TAKE A BATH WITH ME, RIGHT?
YUP.
HAIR...
whimpers
I MEAN, LET'S TAKE A BATH TOGETHER ♡♡
I'D SAY YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE IN MIND!

LIFT
HEY!
What are you being so stingy for? It's just hair
You're losing nothing even if he sees it!
AH
AH
AH
STOP IT, BASTARD!
I DON'T WANT TO...
BANG BANG
SO DANGER-OUS
pant
pant
pant
PHEW
Let me in!
SWISH
TOSS
TOSS
DID HE REALLY GROW SOME? DON'T TELL ME HE DIDN'T?
?
GET AWAY!

KNOCK
KNOCK
plunk
SQUISH
Since I'm practically naked already might as well take a bath. U
HM?
DAMN
WHY AM I SO UNLUCKY ...?
SHOOM
And Nina was there, too...
HOW THE HECK DID YOU SNEAK IN HERE?!
SLOSH
DAMN RANGE!
steam
WHOA!

DING DONG
JEEZ. MANAGER KAZAMA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING GETTING CAUGHT UP IN THE JEER FOR?!
HAIR HAIR I REALLY WANT TO KNOW, TOO.
pant pant
Sense of Crisis
Good all wet m order to save him
IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO CONTINUE LIVING HERE ?
Huh? KAORI ?
DASH
HUH? WHO IS IT THIS TIME?
Eeek!
Oh. coming!
SORRY TO BOTHER YOU!
WE'RE WHITE CAT YAMATO, DELIVERING THIS PACKAGE AT THE SPECIFIED TIME!
WE'RE HERE TO DELIVER MISS FUJISAWA'S DRUM SET!
White Cat Yamato
FUMA

AH ?
THUD
THUD
WAIT A MINUTE
Thank you for your hard work
WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT...? WHAT? YOU'VE NEVER SEEN MY TOMORROW'S STAR, MY BELOVED DRUM SET?
And some clothes
DON
I AM ASKING YOU WHY YOU'RE SENDING THESE THINGS TO THE HOUSE OF SAKURA?
Because you just said that you'll help me!
So I'll be living here. ♡
LIVE... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING ..?
DING DONG
AH, COMING!
IS THERE SOMETHING ELSE ..?
rattle
あ

KAORI!
WHOA! OLD MAN!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
LET GO OF ME! OLD MAN!
OLD MAN?
UMPH!
YOU'RE THAT ARIHARA FAMILY'S ELDEST SON!
WHAT'RE YOU PLANNING TO DO TO OUR KA-CHAN IN THAT GET UP?!
GRRR
I'm innocent!
HUGE MIS-UNDER-STAND-ING!
THIS MONTH'S READERS ADVANTAGE

LIVE HERE?
YOU'RE PLAYING THE SPOILED BRAT GAME AGAIN!
WHO TOLD YOU TO NOT LET ME PRACTICE MY DRUMS AT HOME?!
MAKING THOSE LOUD, ANNOYING NOISES .. WHAT CUSTOMER WOULD DARE TO COME, YOU BIG IDIOT?!
BOTH OF THEM ARE VERY TENACIOUS, HUH?
I AM VERY SERIOUS ABOUT WANTING TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL DRUMMER!
WHY WON'T YOU JUST ACKNOWLEDGE ME?!
WHAT DO GIRLS NEED TO DO THOSE UNLADYLIKE THINGS FOR?!
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP, GET MARRIED, AND FIND A SON-IN-LAW TO SUCCEED THE GROCERY STORE!
BAM
GET MARRIED MY ASS, I'M ONLY A 3RD YEAR IN JUNIOR HIGH!
DON'T FIGHT HERE!

HOW TROUBLE-SOME
TAD
KA-CHAN ACTUALLY POSSESSES UNLIMITED POTENTIAL AND INCREDIBLE TECHNIQUES!
I'm coming in on my own now
WILL YOU PLEASE LET US BORROW YOUR DAUGHTER?
HUH..?
NOT FOR ANYTHING ELSE, BUT JUST BECAUSE SHE'S ABOUT TO PERFORM ON STAGE!
I AM MUSIC BORDER'S WAKANABE.
Oh yeah, I brought my business card.
PLEASE TO MEET YOU.
Who's this kid?
AND WHO IS THIS NOW?!
WAKA-NABE?!
HI, SORRY TO BOTHER YOU!
The people are crying.

PER-
PERFORM ON STAGE ?!
Yeah
Purple ?!
YEAH, I FORGOT TO TELL YOU KA-CHAN WAS CHOSEN TO BE SOME FAMOUS GIRLS BAND'S DRUMMER—!
Yup yup
WHY ARE YOU TELLING ME JUST NOW?!
Sorry about that They seem to really like the demo tape that I sent!
HA HA HA
And they just happened to be looking for a suitable drummer!
WOW!
AMAZING!
Argh —
Do your best!
Hahaha— Thanks guys

T/N: Originally, a play on sounds in Japanese but we adjusted it accordingly in English.

GRAB
NO, KA-CHAN HAS TO MOVE TO OUR OFFICE'S HOUSE!
WE EVEN PREPARED HER OWN PERSONAL PRACTICE ROOM FOR HER!
I FORBID YOU TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS ON YOUR OWN!
HEY! GO BACK WITH ME!
I DON'T WANT TO..
GRAB
DRAG
DRAG
NANASEI... HELP ME...
OF COURSE YOU WOULD. WOULD YOU PLEASE!
DO YOU THINK I'LL HAND MY DAUGHTER OVER TO A SHABBY GUY LIKE YOU?!
I WANT TO HELP YOU,
BUT NO MATTER WHAT, GOING HOME TODAY FIRST IS BETTER, RIGHT?

AGEHA, COME OVER HERE!
Hm?
OLD MAN, WAKANABE, ACTUALLY I FELL IN LOVE WITH AGEHA!
SO I WANT TO LIVE WITH HIM WHILE PREPARING FOR THE PERFORMANCE!
ARE YOU
...SERIOUS ?!
Ohhh!

THAT'S RIGHT!
WE'RE GOING OUT RIGHT NOW!
WHAT...?

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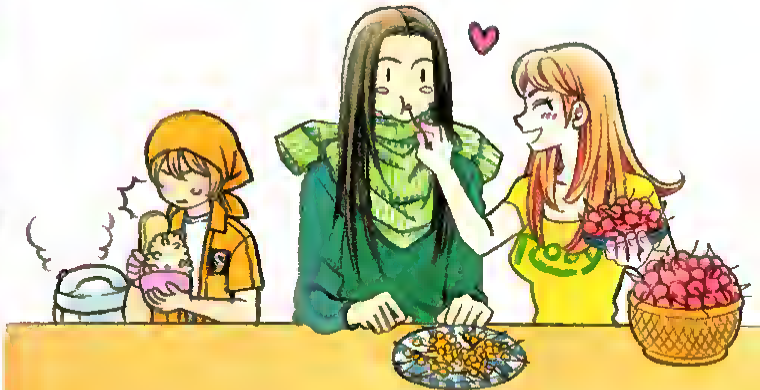

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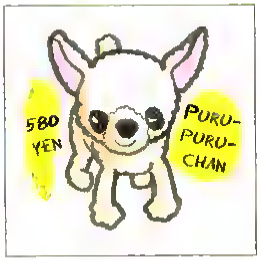

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Tōru Fujieda

The sudden appearance of an uninvited guest in the House of Sakura turns out to be Ageha's childhood friend, Ke-chan. Her debut as a professional drummer is coming up, but because of her father's disapproval, she ran away from home! In the midst of such states of affairs, she suddenly made a bold declaration that she had fallen in love with Ageha... How will Range react to this?! Lollipop vs. Fruit Candy, the war is on!

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Chapter 12
SCROLL OF CONFESSIONS, HOPE, AND BIRD FEED

WE'RE GOING OUT RIGHT NOW!
WHAT ?!
Cradle to Heart
My childhood friend Kaori and I have been married for three years...
Hello, everyone!
I'm Agehal!
Everyone, hurry and come eat breakfast
I'm helping out at the family grocery store, and tending to the house chores every day!
Oh, Great Son-in-Law

Did you forget? It's Range and Nina!
Hubbie, we still have to attend a wedding, hurry up!
Eh? Who's getting married?
Huh?
What?
SHIZUMERS
SHIZUMERS
No! It shouldn't be like this!!
Wait for me, Nina!
The only one I like is you!!
Why did it turn out like this?
Don't marry someone else!
BANG!
!

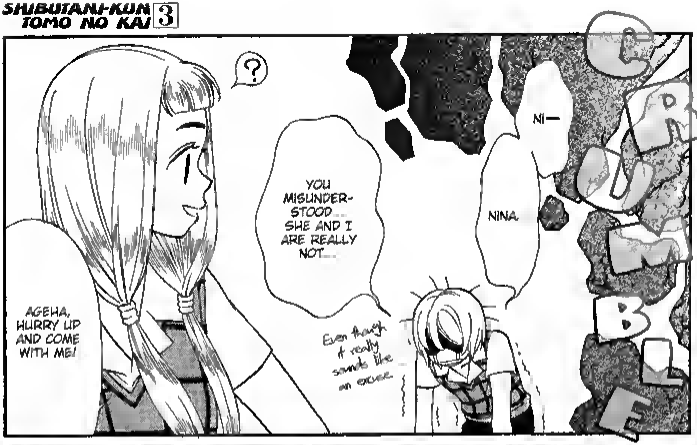
I hate wishy-washy people the most!!
N-N-Ni...na!!
SHOCK
BAM
Eek!!!
BAM BAM BAM
Great!
How re-freshing!!
BAM

stab
stab
HIRO-KUN
DESPICABLE VILLAIN! DIE! DIE!!
RATTLE
RATTLE
KAORI
THIS IS?
Hi hi! Morning everyone!!
It sounds like the place is under construction.
WEIRD?
sweat
sweat
WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP?
YOU'RE AWAKE?
YESTERDAY WAS SO MUCH OF A SHOCK THAT YOU FAINTED DEAD AWAY!
FAINTED ?!
RIGHT AFTER I HUGGED YOU!

I CAN'T GET MARRIED TO YOU!!
SORRY !!
Begging for Forgiveness
DID I SAY THAT I WANTED TO GET MARRIED WITH YOU?
BLUSH
HUG
"ACTUALLY, I FELL IN LOVE WITH AGEHA!"
DON'T TELL ME... SHE'S CONFESSING TO ME?!
DIDN'T YOU CONFESS TO ME?
OH, THAT WAS A LIE!!
SORRY, AGEHA!
IF I HADN'T SAID THAT, MY OLD MAN WOULD HAVE DRAGGED ME OFF FOR SURE
PUFF
Since when have you been seducing my daughter?!
HE GOT ALL PISSED AND LEFT, AND THEN WAKANARE LEFT, TOO.
IT'S TRUE THAT I LIED TO THEM
I'll come back another time!

It's better if I spend today by myself!
Stressed too much!
PLUS "TODAY'S LUCK" IS HORRIBLE, TOO!!
This is the worst.
That dream was horrible, too!
Don't lose me!!
BUT, HEY DON'T WORRY!! I SET THE PEOPLE IN THIS HOUSE STRAIGHT YESTERDAY
Ka-chan is in junior high student
I'm off to school!
Stupid Ka-chan!!
I'm so pissed off!
If I knew this sooner, I wouldn't have said I'd help!!
WHAT'S
. EVEN MORE DESPICABLE IS DOING SOMETHING LIKE THIS WILL DEFINITELY MAKE THE PEOPLE AROUND ME HAVE A BIG MISUNDER-STANDING!
TO MAKE MATTERS WORSE
THE PERSON I CARE FOR THE MOST LIVES IN THAT HOUSE

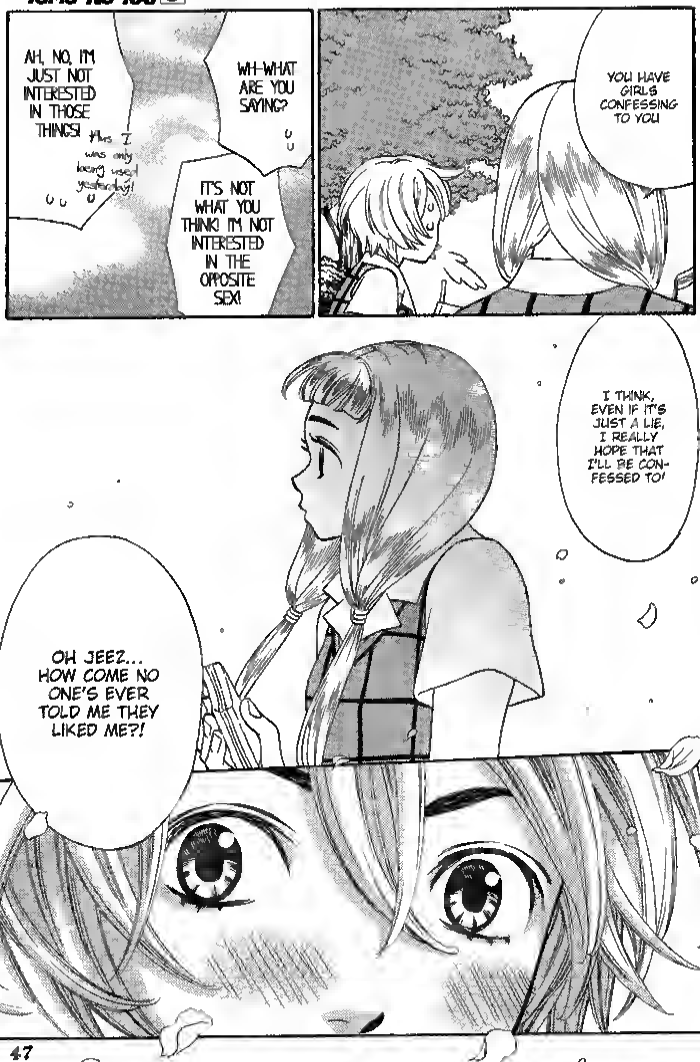
SHE DID START TO HATE ME AFTER ALL!
SEE!
turns
AH,
NI-NINA
LET'S EAT LUNCH TO-GETHER?
DING DONG
fidget fidget
I'M GOING OUT TO EAT TODAY!


?
NI—
NINA
YOU MISUNDERSTOOD... SHE AND I ARE REALLY NOT...
Even though it really sounds like an excuse.
AGEHA, HURRY UP AND COME WITH ME!
CRUMBLE

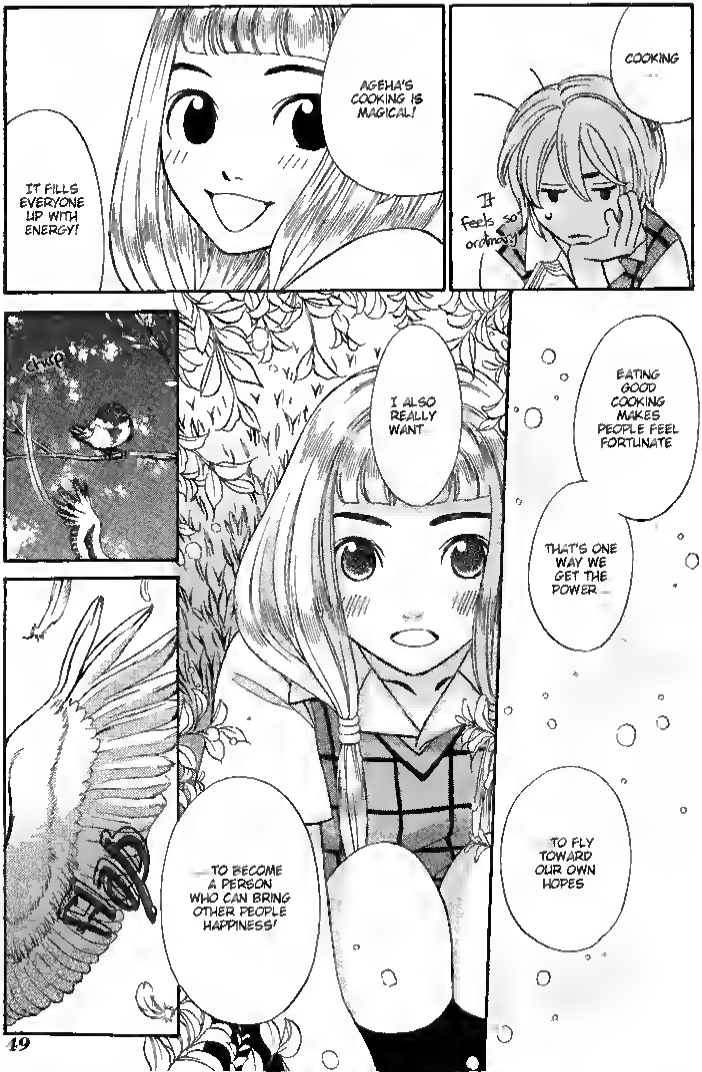
HUH?

I NOTICED DURING CLASS THAT THERE WERE TWO NESTLINGS FEEDING HERE.
DID YOU KNOW THERE WAS A BIRD FEEDER HERE?
clack
YOU DIDN'T SEE ME GIVING YOU A SECRET SIGNAL?

Hap
Hap
Hap
AH, IT'S OVER THERE!
IT'S PRACTICING REALLY HARD HOW TO FLY!
YOU'RE RIGHT
AGEHA, I'M REALLY ENVIOUS OF YOU
SO IT'S LIKE THIS
I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS NERVOUS
Or is it just because I don't have any affection on her?
HM?
WHY?


AH, NO, I'M JUST NOT INTERESTED IN THOSE THINGS!
Plus, I was only kidding around yesterday!
WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THE OPPOSITE SEX!
YOU HAVE GIRLS CONFESSING TO YOU
I THINK, EVEN IF IT'S JUST A LIE, I REALLY HOPE THAT I'LL BE CONFESSED TO!
OH JEEZ... HOW COME NO ONE'S EVER TOLD ME THEY LIKED ME?!

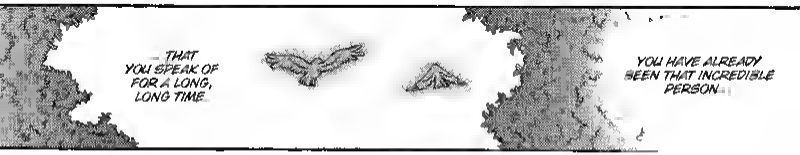
I LIKE YOU.
I'VE SAID IT IN MY HEART A HUNDRED, A THOUSAND TIMES ALREADY!!
BUT, IF I WERE TO CONFESS NOW,
What should I do?
SHE'D DEFINITELY TAKE IT AS A JOKE, RIGHT?
AND...
I HAVE TO WORK EVEN HARDER!
EVERYONE IS SO INCREDIBLE!
KAORI IS ONLY IN JUNIOR HIGH AND SHE'S ABLE TO PERFORM ON ST. GE ALREADY.
CHIHIRO, TOO, AND RANGE TOO, AGEHA IS ALSO VERY AMAZING!
WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT ME?
I don't have any specialties
YOU DO!
YOU'RE REALLY INCREDIBLE!!
sparkle
FIRST-CLASS COOKING!!


AGEHA'S COOKING IS MAGICAL!
IT FILLS EVERYONE UP WITH ENERGY!
COOKING...
It feels so ordinary
chirp
I ALSO REALLY WANT
EATING GOOD COOKING MAKES PEOPLE FEEL FORTUNATE
THAT'S ONE WAY WE GET THE POWER...
TO FLY TOWARD OUR OWN HOPES
TO BECOME A PERSON WHO CAN BRING OTHER PEOPLE HAPPINESS!

CLACK
Flap
Flap
Flap
AH!
THIS IS GREAT!
THEY'RE EATING THE BREAD YOU MADE!
All right
I'll work hard, too!
THEY WILL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO FLY HIGH AND FAR!
BECAUSE THEY'LL BE ABLE TO GET NEW ENERGY FROM AGEHA'S BREAD!

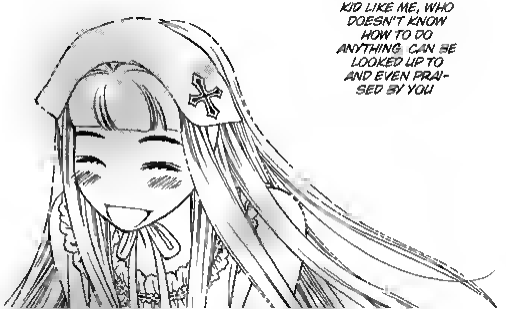
HAVE YOU REALLY NEVER NOTICED?

NINA...

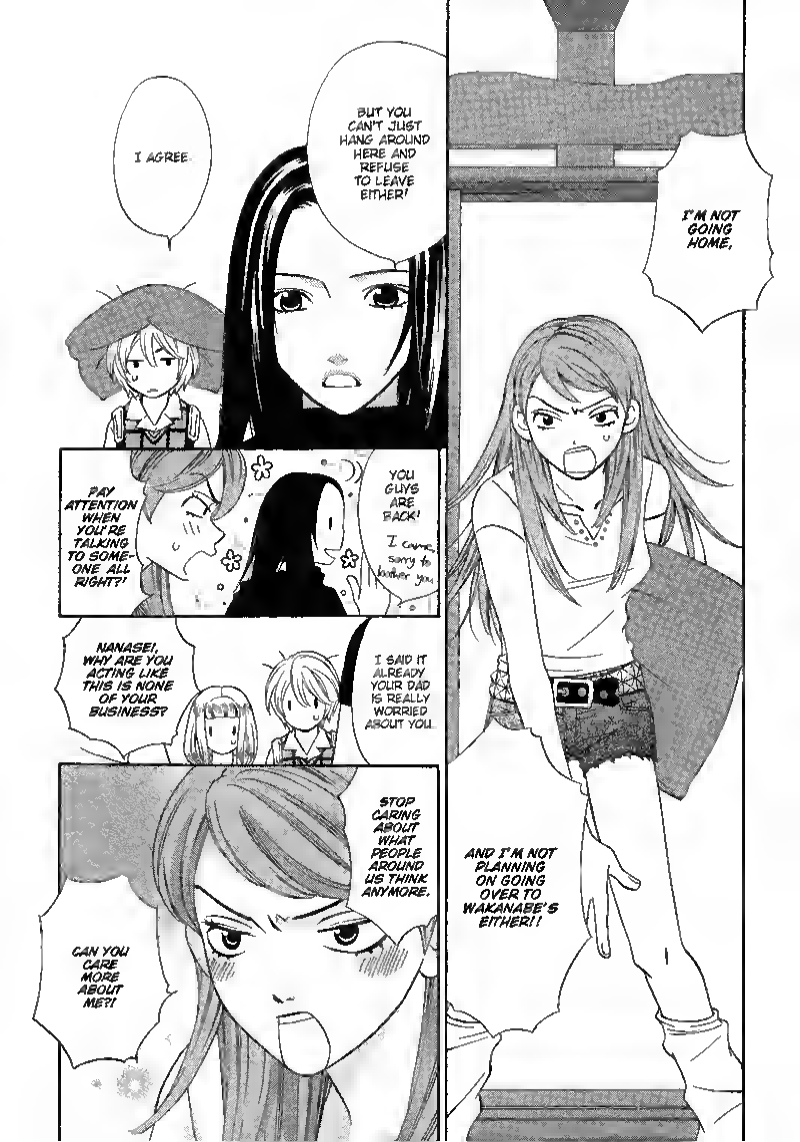


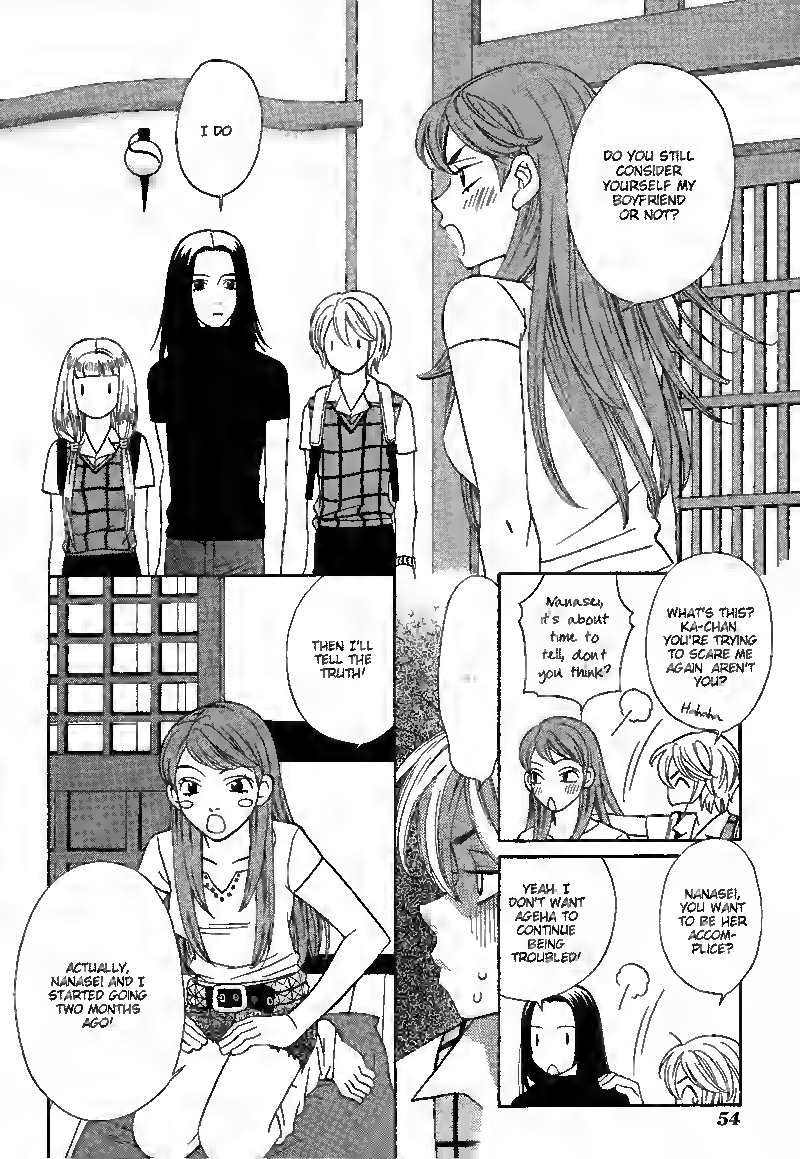
EVEN AN EMBARRASSING KID LIKE ME, WHO DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO DO ANYTHING, CAN BE LOOKED UP TO AND EVEN PRAISED BY YOU

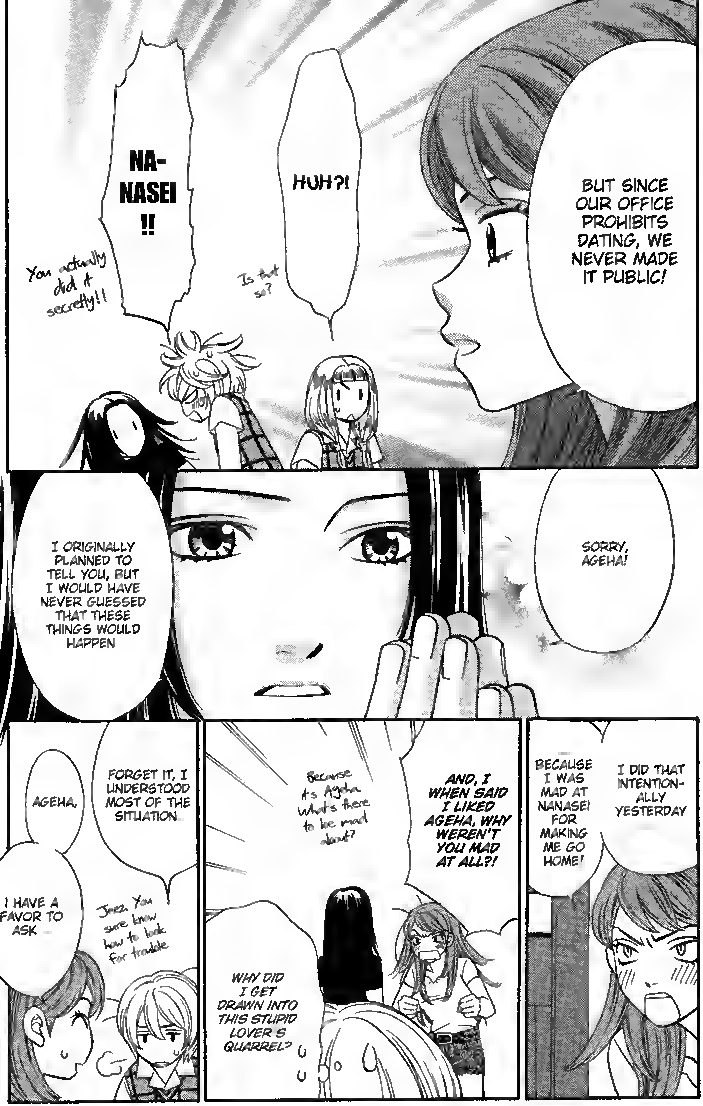
I RECEIVED MUCH, MUCH POWERFUL ENERGY FROM YOU!



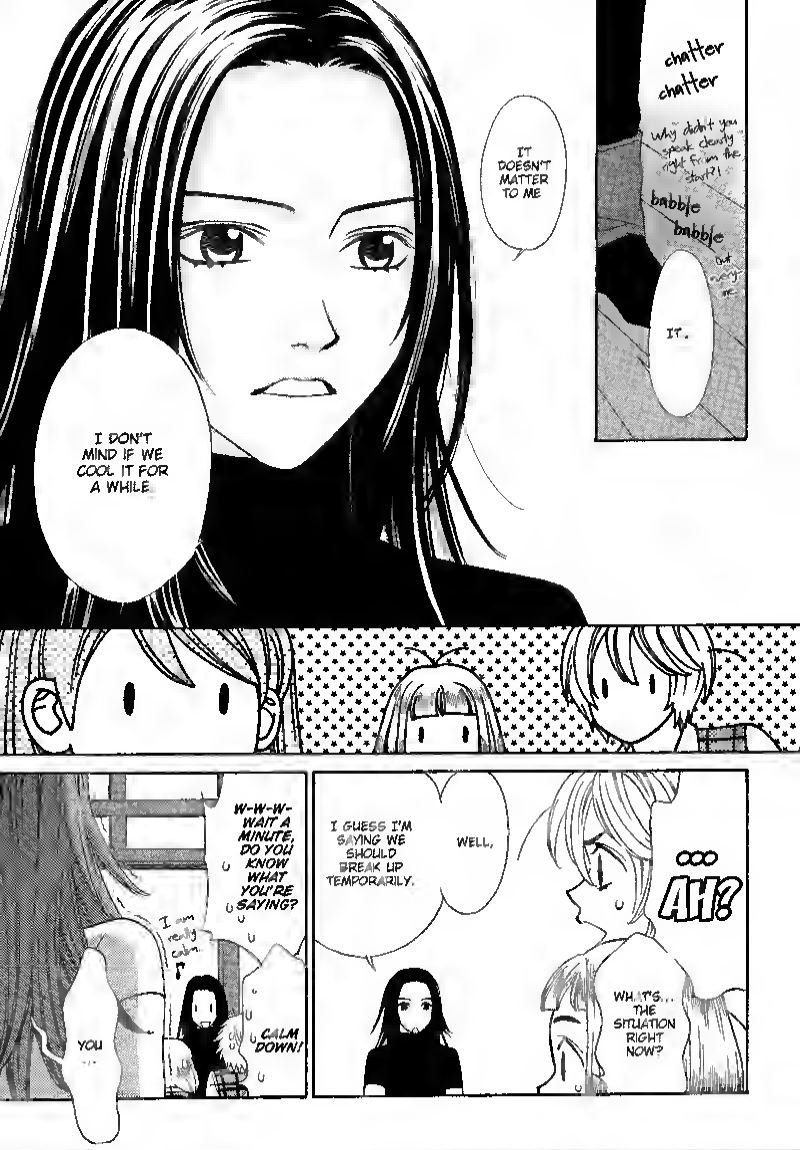
...ACTUALLY BE ABLE TO SAY IT OUT LOUD?
THESE WORDS..
WHEN WILL I..
PL
I SAID I'M NOT GOING BACK ALREADY!
Opp
WE'RE BACK!
I'M BACK!
RATTLE


I'M NOT GOING HOME.
AND I'M NOT PLANNING ON GOING OVER TO WAKANABE'S EITHER!!
CAN YOU CARE MORE ABOUT ME?!
STOP CARING ABOUT WHAT PEOPLE AROUND US THINK ANYMORE.
NANASE! WHY ARE YOU ACTING LIKE THIS IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS?
I SAID IT ALREADY. YOUR DAD IS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
PAY ATTENTION WHEN YOU'RE TALKING TO SOMEONE ALL RIGHT?!
YOU GUYS ARE BACK!
I'm sorry to bother you.
I AGREE.
BUT YOU CAN'T JUST HANG AROUND HERE AND REFUSE TO LEAVE EITHER!


I DO
DO YOU STILL CONSIDER YOURSELF MY BOYFRIEND OR NOT?
THEN I'LL TELL THE TRUTH!
ACTUALLY, NANASE! AND I STARTED GOING TWO MONTHS AGO!
Nanase, it's about time to tell, don't you think?
WHAT'S THIS? KA-CHAN YOU'RE TRYING TO SCARE ME AGAIN, AREN'T YOU?
Hahaha
YEAH. I DON'T WANT AGEHA TO CONTINUE BEING TROUBLED!
NANASE!, YOU WANT TO BE HER ACCOMPLICE?


BUT SINCE OUR OFFICE PROHIBITS DATING, WE NEVER MADE IT PUBLIC!
HUH?!
NA-NASEI !!
You actually did it secretly!!
Is that so?
SORRY, AGEHA!
I ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO TELL YOU, BUT I WOULD HAVE NEVER GUESSED THAT THESE THINGS WOULD HAPPEN
I DID THAT INTENTIONALLY YESTERDAY
BECAUSE I WAS MAD AT NANASE! FOR MAKING ME GO HOME!
AND, I WHEN SAID I LIKED AGEHA, WHY WEREN'T YOU MAD AT ALL?!
Because it's Ageha. What's there to be mad about?
WHY DID I GET DRAWN INTO THIS STUPID LOVER'S QUARREL?
FORGET IT, I UNDERSTOOD MOST OF THE SITUATION
AGEHA,
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK
Jeez. You sure know how to look for trouble

JUST CONTINUE PRETENDING TO BE MY BOYFRIEND, OK?
HUH ?!
IT'S JUST TO DISTRACT THEM!
DON'T WORRY, WE'LL JUST BREAK UP AFTER A WHILE!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE OFFICE'S ACKNOW-LEDGEMENT
IT CAN EVEN DECEIVE THE PUBLIC, AND HIDE THE FACT THAT NANASE! AND I ARE GOING OUT!
NO WAY!!
IF WE DO THAT PEOPLE WILL REALLY THINK THAT WE'RE GOING OUT!
Like that matters you don't have a girlfriend, anyway!
THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM!
Don't decide it all by yourself!!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN LOYAL TO NINA!
People like you two who have ended friendship for such things aren't welcome around my family!!
LIFE BELONGS TO NINA
HOW CAN YOU TWO TRAMPLE ON MY PRIDE SO EASILY?!


chatter chatter
why didn't you speak clearly right from the start?!
babble babble
but only me
IT..
IT DOESN'T MATTER TO ME
I DON'T MIND IF WE COOL IT FOR A WHILE
AH?
WELL,
I GUESS I'M SAYING WE SHOULD BREAK UP TEMPORARILY.
WH..AT'S... THE SITUATION RIGHT NOW?
W-W-W-WAIT A MINUTE, DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?
I am really calm.
CALM DOWN!
YOU...

SFX: menace
YOU ASS-HOLE!!
GRAB
GET YOUR ASS BACK HOME!!
TOSS
CATCH
YOU USE-LESS MALE!!
TOSS
I HOPE YOUR DICK ROTS OFF, GO DIE!!
AAAAHHH!
RATTLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

pant
pant
...
KA, KAORI-CHAN!
I hope your dick rots off!!
Hiro-chan cover your ears!
SLAM
ACTUALLY SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT
tap
WHAT THE HELL ?
KA-CHAN...
STUPID NANASE!
TWO MONTHS AGO...
IT WAS HE WHO SAID, "I LIKE YOU," FIRST
I DON'T REMEMBER EVER...
TEACHING HIM TO BE A PERSON WHO MAKES HIS OWN GIRLFRIEND CRY!

I DEFINITELY WON'T LET YOU GUYS BREAK UP!!
Thank you, Ayaka
At this time, don't mention lying. I'll even help you with murder!
solo
solo
DON'T WORRY! I'LL USE MY STATUS AS AN OLDER BROTHER AND MAKE NANASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY!
KA-CHAN!!
And what now?
Pic
I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR YOUR CONVERSATION.
SORRY.
AKANE
ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO BREAK UP WITH KA-CHAN?
I'M THE ONE WHO KNOWS MOST CLEARLY HOW MUCH KA-CHAN LOVES TO PLAY MUSIC!
I THINK AT THIS POINT, I SHOULD PUT HER DREAMS FIRST!
BUT...
...IS THIS OK? WHAT IF PRETEND TURNS INTO REALITY?

I'VE REALLY LIKED KA-CHAN EVER SINCE GRADE SCHOOL
DON'T WORRY!
I'LL MAKE HER FALL IN LOVE WITH ME ONCE AGAIN!
I KEEP THINKING THAT THE TYPE I LIKE AND YOU ARE ABOUT THE SAME...
Don't tell me that you're not a virgin or something!
The types we think we like are all different!
WE HAVE TO DARE TO RISK, THAT'S HOW WE IMPROVE!
RATTLE
I'M BACK!
HO!
TIME-
TO-
EAT!
SKIP!
EAT-
DIN-
NER-
DIN-
NER-

Big Criticizing Meeting
BITCH
BITCH
I'M BACK.
NANASE, HE'S BORING AS HELL, NEVER TALKING ABOUT HIMSELF!
THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S RIGHT. THAT GUY'S BEEN THAT WAY SINCE HE WAS LITTLE. HE'S LIKE THAT AT HOME, TOO. I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S THINKING!!
I CAN ONLY TELL THAT HIS APPETITE IS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER, AND HE'S GROWING TALLER AND TALLER!!
THAT'S WHAT I MEAN! AND I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT HE'S JUST SO POPULAR AT OUR SCHOOL, TOO!!
I!
AM!
BACK!
AL-READY!
AH!
YOU'RE BACK.
WHERE'S MY DINNER?
HUH?
Dinner...

WHAAAAT?!
But I can help you make meals right now
RANGE SORRY!
I FORGOT TO LEAVE YOU SOME!
CLA
NG
sulk
AGEHA, YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER TO MAKE FOOD FOR ONE MORE PERSON NOW THAT I'M LIVING HERE!
It was so delicious!
Vegetables and Meat Rice made with pumpkin and roasted vegetables. ♡

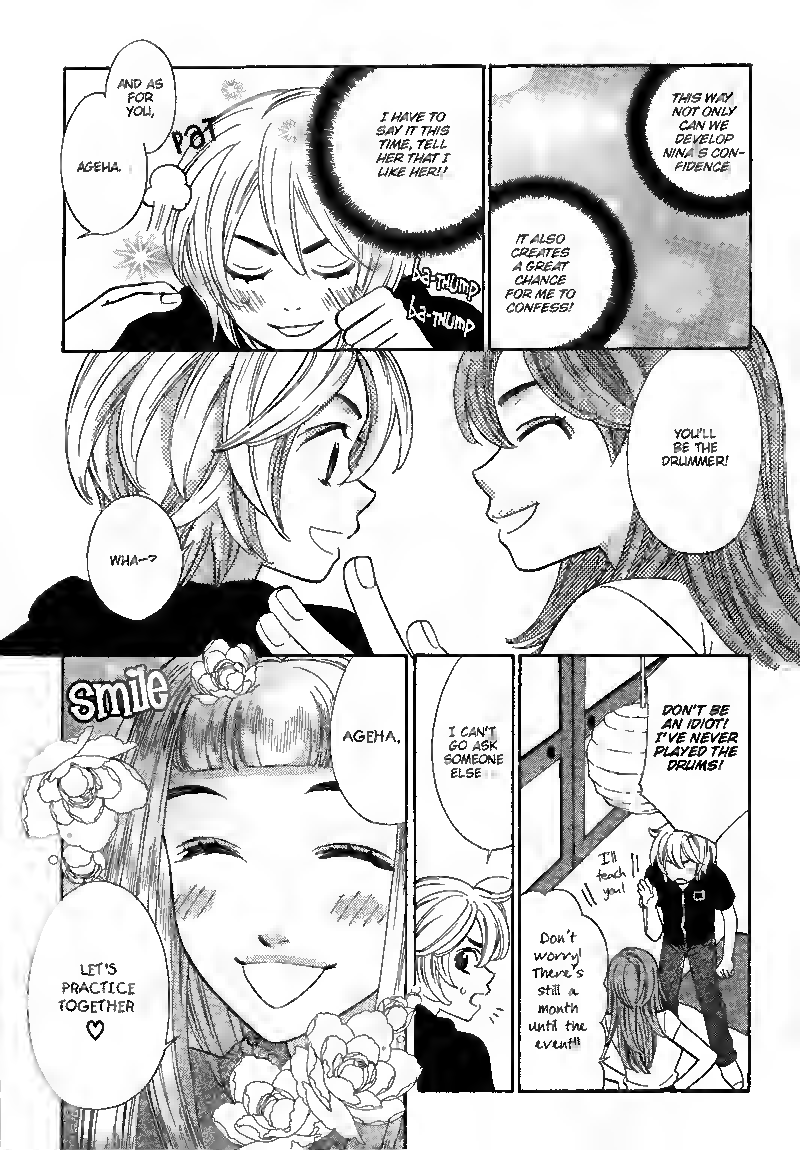
BUT
WHAT ABOUT YOU START LOOKING MORE LIKE A GIRL, DRESS UP A BIT AND LOOK CUTER?
THIS... HUH...
What do you mean by that?
WHAT DO WE HAVE TO DO TO HELP NANASEI BRING BACK THAT PASSION HE HAD BACK THEN?
I'VE BEEN THIS WAY SINCE I WAS A KID. IF I STARTED TO DRESS UP NOW WOULDN'T THAT LOOK WEIRDER?
OH YEAH, KA-CHAN WHEN ARE YOU PERFORMING ON STAGE?
ISN'T THERE A STREET FAIR CALLED STREET PATROL COMING UP SOON?
WE'RE GOING TO RELEASE OUR DEBUT CD FIRST.
THEN WE HAVE TO DO SOME STREET SHOWS FIRST.
THE FIRST TIME WE APPEAR IN PUBLIC SHOULD BE AT THAT EVENT!!
7/9 sun

I WENT TO WATCH LAST YEAR, TOO!
ALL KINDS OF BANDS WENT UP ONE AFTER ANOTHER, LIVE PERFORMANCES ARE REALLY INTERESTING!
Yup, last year we went on stage to perform!
We were so happy
Under the bright sunny summer sky, Nanase, who played the guitar, was too hot! ♡
It was also then that we started noticing each other!!
SLAM
THAT'S IT!!

KA-CHAN!
USE THE BAND!!
WELL, I WILL GO PERFORM.
NOT THAT, DO IT WITH NANASE!!
THIS YEAR, YOU'LL ALSO BE PERFORMING UNDER THE SAME SKY
NANASE! WILL DEFINITELY FIND THAT FEELING HE HAD WHEN HE FIRST WENT OUT WITH YOU!
AND THEN YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO DRESS UP PRETTIER. IT DEFINITELY WON'T BE A PROBLEM!
!
That really sounds like a plan!!
That's a housewife for ya. You're ingenious!!
If you perform well, she knows that maybe the office will admire her you and Nanase doing so well!
YOU CAN SAY THE WORD HOUSE-WIFE!
BAM!

NO WAY.
IF IT'S A LEAD SINGER,
THERE'S A MOST SUITABLE CANDIDATE RIGHT HERE
AH,
BUT THIS TIME, NANASE'S BAND DOESN'T HAVE A DRUMMER OR A LEAD SINGER
The singer got kicked out because of school
!!!
SINCE THEY'RE GOING TO BREAK UP ANYWAYS, SHOULDN'T YOU JUST LEAVE IT BE?
EXERCISE
EXERCISE
BECAUSE IT'S TOO STUPID!
WHY? RANGE, YOU OBVIOUSLY SING REALLY WELL!
HMPH! ALL YOU DO IS PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S FEELINGS. YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT REAL LOVE IS. THAT'S WHY YOU CAN BE SO COLD!
STOP
MEOW?
FORGET IT, I WON'T ASK RANGE ANYMORE!
THEN WHO ARE YOU GOING TO FIND?
OH YEAH.

NINA, WHY DON'T YOU BE THE LEAD SINGER?
ME?!
YOU MEAN ME?
I SECOND THAT!
AND SHE'S SO CUTE, SHE'LL LOOK GREAK ON STAGE!
Don't you like to sing?
yay
Mina! Please!!
yay
blink...
um...
T-THEN...
I GUESS I'LL TRY!
ALL RIGHT! LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT!
THIS IS GREAT!


AND AS FOR YOU, AGEHA.
pat
I HAVE TO SAY IT THIS TIME, TELL HER THAT I LIKE HER!!
ba-thump
ba-thump
THIS WAY NOT ONLY CAN WE DEVELOP NINA'S CONFIDENCE
IT ALSO CREATES A GREAT CHANCE FOR ME TO CONFESS!
YOU'LL BE THE DRUMMER!
WHA--?
DON'T BE AN IDIOT! I'VE NEVER PLAYED THE DRUMS!
I'll teach you!
Don't worry! There's still a month until the event!!
AGEHA,
I CAN'T GO ASK SOMEONE ELSE
smile
LET'S PRACTICE TOGETHER ♡

YAY
LET'S WORK HARD FOR THE NEXT MONTH 'TIL THE EVENT!
OK! LEAVE IT TO ME!
THUMP
HUH?
HISS
ONII-SAN,
THAT FISH LOOKS REALLY TASTY...

Chapter 13
SCROLL OF SPECIAL TRAINING, BISCUITS, AND OKONOMIYAKI*

*Japanese-style pancake, cooked with vegetables and bacon.

OUR BAND IS PERFORMING AT THE ROCK PATROL?
AND WE'RE CALLING OURSELVES MINT?
THAT SOUNDS GOOD TO ME
I HEARD KA-CHAN'S BAND WILL ALSO BE PERFORMING.
Mint is going to be the lead singer. That's great!
Mint must keep their word!!
REALLY?! WE'LL DEFINITELY BE THERE !!

RECENTLY KA-CHAN HAS BECOME MORE AND MORE FEMININE!
OH, REALLY?
It must be a coincidence.
LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT PERFORMING JUST YET
The clothes were designed by Ai-nyan. Knowing it, I can help Ai-her photography for the collection.
WHAT KIND OF CRAPPY BATTLE STRATEGY IS THIS? I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU WITH A SINGLE GLANCE!

I BEG OF YOU, OLD MAN!
YOU HAVE TO COME WATCH MY PERFORMANCE NEXT MONTH!
YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONCE YOU SEE ME PERFORM LIVE!

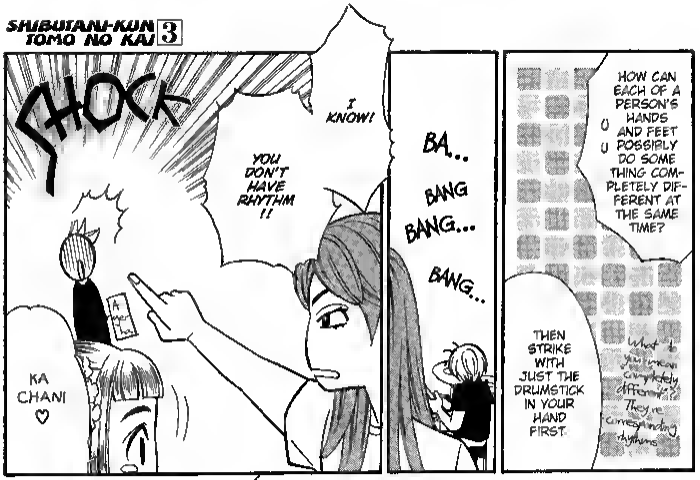
LINCLE,
YOU STILL HAVEN'T SEEN KA-CHAN PERFORM, RIGHT?
DAMN STINKIN' OLD MAN.
KA-CHAN, CALM DOWN!
Hmph!
LIKE I'D GO TO SEE THAT KIND OF HELLISHLY ANNOYING NOISY PERFORMANCE!
ISN'T IT TOO RASH TO RUSH TO A CONCLUSION WHEN YOU STILL HAVEN'T SEEN HIM FOR YOURSELF?
ALTHOUGH THOSE VEGETABLES DON'T LOOK VERY APPEALING AT FIRST, THEY'RE STILL TASTY VEGETABLES YOU SELECTED AFTER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION!
TAKE SOME OF THE VEGETABLES IN LINCLE'S STORE FOR EXAMPLE. THEY MAY NOT LOOK LIKE ANY GOOD, AND MIGHT EVEN STILL HAVE SOME SOIL ON THEM.
BEFORE YOU JUDGE WHETHER KA-CHAN HAS GENUINE TALENT OR NOT, PLEASE GO AND SEE HIM PERFORM FOR YOURSELF!

ALL RIGHT
SINCE YOU SAID IT LIKE THAT, I GUESS I'LL GO!
Wow!
REALLY ?!
I'LL ALSO SEE WHAT I SHOULD DO ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP
Hm?
NO, ABOUT THAT... DIDN'T WE JUST SAY THAT WE ALREADY BROKE UP?
IT'S NOT BECAUSE I WANT TO MEDDLE, IT'S JUST THAT OTHER PEOPLE KEEP BOTHERING ME ABOUT IT...
GOOD JOB, KA-CHAN!!
WE'VE HEARD ALL ABOUT IT ALREADY!! ♡

THE MOMS AND GRANDMAS WHO LIVE NEARBY!
AH
YOU AND AGEHA ARE SECRETLY DATING, AREN'T YOU?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US? STINGY KID!!
NO, YOU'VE MISUNDERSTOOD
YOU SHOULD HANG ON TO GOOD MEN!! YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IF YOU STICK WITH THIS CHILD.
I'D LIKE TO SWITCH THE ONE I HAVE AT HOME WITH YOURS!!
WE BROKE UP ALREADY
YOU SHOULD KEEP WORKING AT IT, WE'LL ALL SUPPORT YOU!!
DON'T LOSE TO THAT STUBBORN OLD MAN OF YOURS!!
How could of you to say that, lady!
WAHAHAHAHA
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THIS IS BAD.
YEAH
IF THE STORE'S MOTHER AND GRANDMA CUSTOMERS START SPREADING THIS...
Moms and Grandmas The Scoop Network
Oh, ready to see.
Lucky! Listen to me.
...WE'LL SOON BE THE MOST WELL-KNOWN COUPLE IN TOWN!!
THIS IS SAD!!
IT'S ALREADY BECOME SOMETHING I CAN'T EXPLAIN AWAY IN JUST TWO OR THREE WORDS!!
GULP

WORK HARO FOR THE PERFOR-MANCE !!
Look, how sweet.
Ha ha ha ha ha!
It's almost too awkward to continue watching.
oh! HOHOHO
Young Couples! How wonderful
IF THIS GOES ON...
WHAT IF THEIR ENTHUSIASM SOMEHOW ENDS UP IN A WEDDING HALL SOME-WHERE?!
HA-CHAN!!
KA-CHAN!!
ONLY IF THE PERFOR-MANCE IS SUCCESS-FUL
WILL NANASEI AND KA-CHAN'S RELATIONSHIP RECEIVE EVEN MORE ACKNOW-LEDGEMENT?!
SFX: bang
SFX: don
SFX: dan

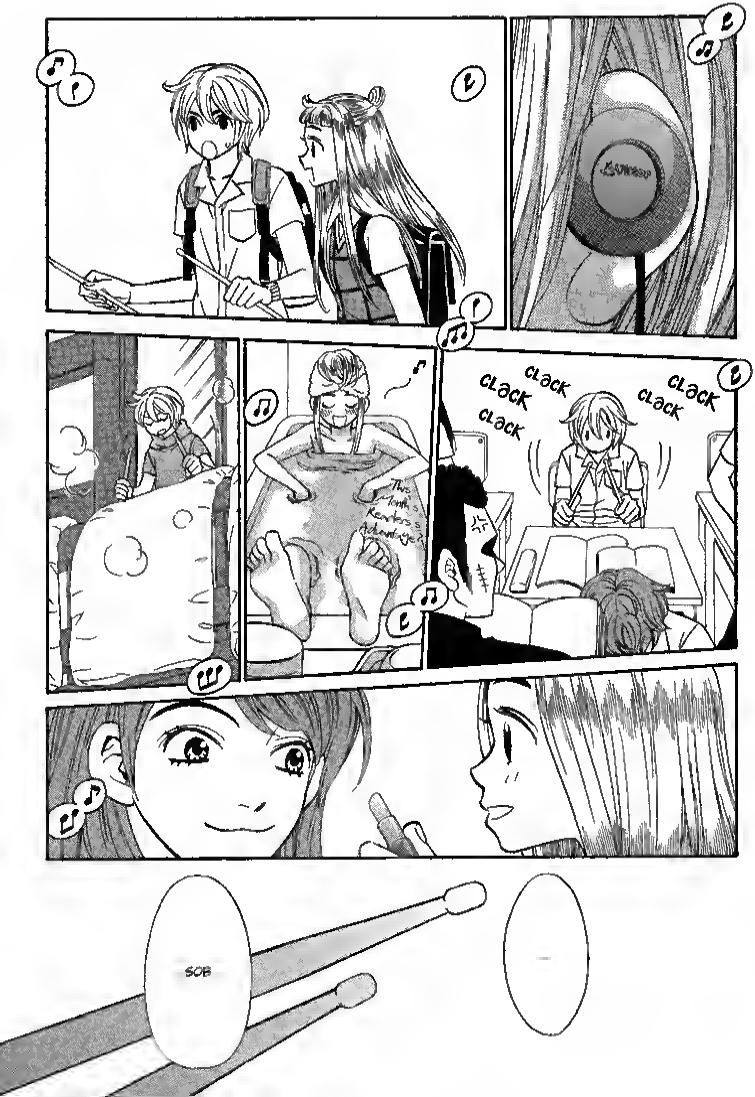
Eek! Ayaka is so hard-core
I won't be disgraceful like I was in Volume One!!
AND NINA WILL BE MESMERIZED BY MY VALIANT IMAGE AS I PLAY THE DRUMS!
THEN I'LL CONFESS!! THAT'S RIGHT! MY ROSE-TINTED FUTURE!!
FUTURE PREDICTED SCENE
BOOM
BA-BA
BANG
BANG
BANG
BOOM BANG
YOU'RE SO NOISY!!
I'M STILL A BEGINNER! HAVE A LITTLE PATIENCE, OK?!
HA-CHAN,
THIS IS THE MOST BASIC, EIGHT BEAT RHYTHM.
It can't be all that hard, can it?
Pant
Pant


SHOCK
I KNOW!
YOU DON'T HAVE RHYTHM !!
KA CHANI ♡
BA... BANG BANG... BANG...
HOW CAN EACH OF A PERSON'S HANDS AND FEET POSSIBLY DO SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT AT THE SAME TIME?
THEN STRIKE WITH JUST THE DRUMSTICK IN YOUR HAND FIRST.
What's you know completely different? They're corresponding rhythms

I WANT TO SING THIS SONG, IS THAT OK?
THERE'S NOT MUCH WE CAN'T DO.
IN OTHER WORDS...
AGEHA, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO PLAY THIS SONG WITHIN A MONTH.
GOT IT?
I GOT IT

DAMN.
STUPID KA-CHAN, I WON'T FORGET THIS!!
DRUM DRUM DRUM DRUM
IF YOU GET IT, THEN HURRY UP AND THINK ABOUT HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET USED TO THE SONG'S SIXTEEN-BEAT RHYTHM!!
OW OW OW OW!!
HOW ABOUT THESE CLOTHES?
I THINK YOU'LL LOOK REALLY GOOD IN THEM ♡
YEAH. IT'S REALLY CUTE, BUT I THINK WEARING THESE LIGHT, FLUTTERY CLOTHES IS REALLY EMBARRASSING
Who told me to be "good" and practicing perverted jokes?
IS IT? BUT I WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU WEAR IT!!
IF I DRESS UP LIKE THIS
WILL NANASE FALL IN LOVE WITH ME AGAIN?

THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM!
KA-CHAN, YOU ARE AN INCREDIBLE GIRL!
NANASEI WILL DEFINITELY FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU AGAIN!!
Please do your work attentively Manager Kawami!
THAT SIDE OVER THERE LOOKS LIKE FUN
Snark like something a guy would say.
LET'S CALL IT "OPERATION RESCUE LOVE!!"
Ehh!
LET ME HELP YOU! ♡
Ehh!
Then I'll give it a try. ♡
And so...
...my intense special training began with the event only a month away.


clack
clack
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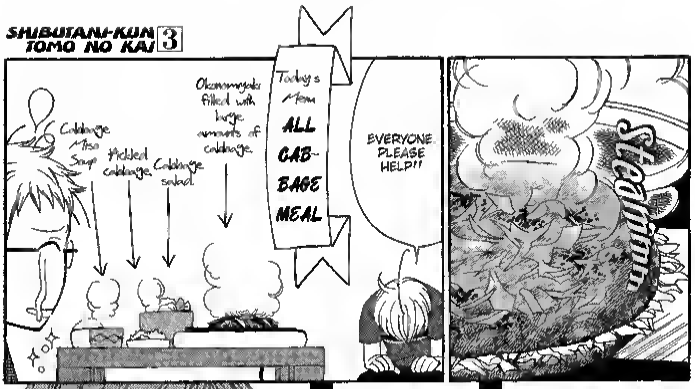
clack
clack
This Month's Readers's Advantage
SOB

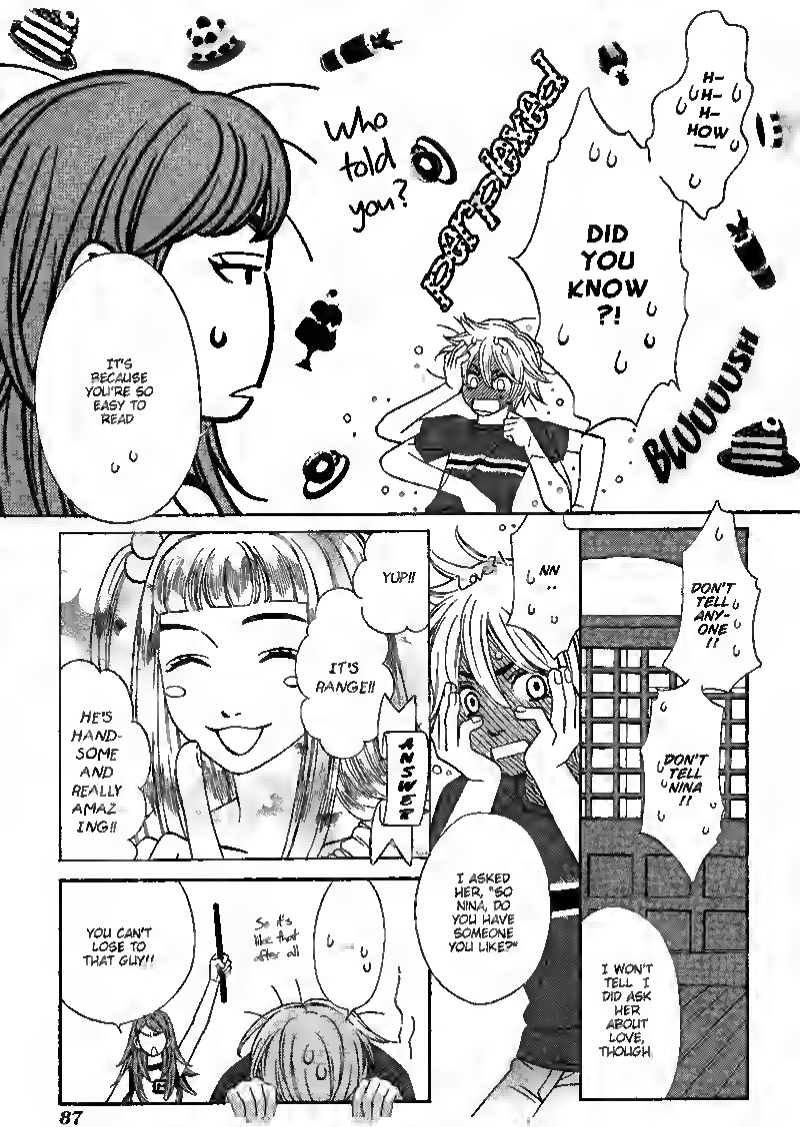
JS!
CLACK
BOOM
CLACK
BOOM
BOOM
What is today's song?
I FEEL LIKE I'M LISTENING TO A WORSHIP SONG
SO WHAT? I'M A JAPANESE PERSON!
DIDN'T I ALREADY TELL YOU THAT YOU HAVE TO PLAY IN SIXTEEN FOR THIS SONG?!
DAMN.
HOW CAN I SPEED UP?
I CAN HEAR THAT RHYTHM SO CLEARLY IN MY MIND...
I MEAN
Frequent Fix Diner
I LISTEN TO THIS BEAT OVER AND OVER EVERY DAY!
SO WHY CAN'T MY BODY KEEP UP?
HUH?
chop

SFX
chop
A RHYTHM IN SIXTEEN?
THIS IS...
NOT ONLY THAT, I CAN ACTUALLY SHRED EVEN FASTER THAN THIS!!
SFX
chop
I CAN USE THE SHREDDING TECHNIQUE THAT I DEVELOPED, YEAH!!
THAT'S RIGHT, JUST LIKE THIS!!
I'LL JUST USE THIS MINDSET TO PLAY THE DRUMS!!
...Ah!
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE WITH ALL THOSE CABBAGE SHREDS?
AGEHA,

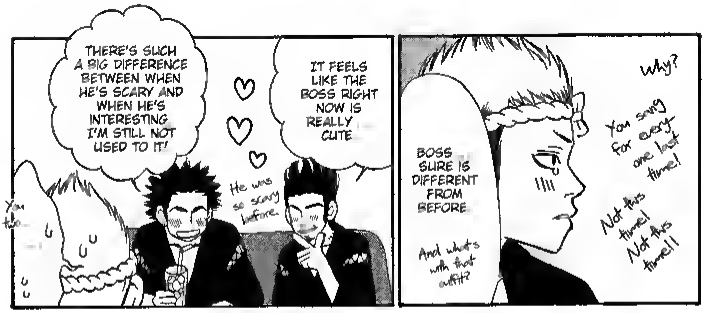

Today's Menu
ALL CAB-BAGE MEAL
Cabbage Miso Soup
Pickled cabbage
Cabbage salad
Okonomiyaki filled with huge amounts of cabbage
EVERYONE PLEASE HELP!!
Steaming

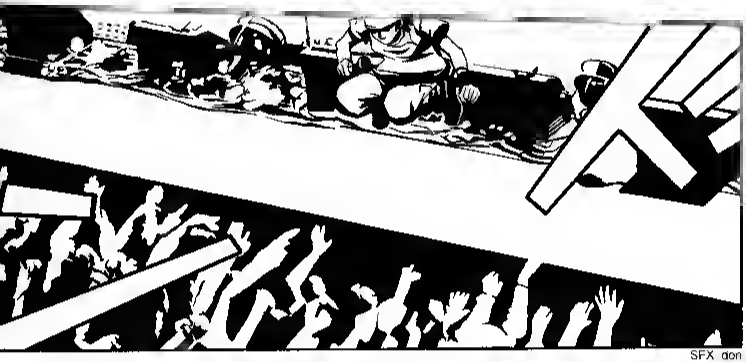
TOMORROW IS BEAK'S LIVE CONCERT!
WHAT IS THIS?
OH... YEAH AT THAT TIME...
BEAK?
BEAK IS MY FAVORITE BAND! I PRACTICALLY WORSHIP THEM!!
I STARTED PLAYING DRUMS AFTER I SAW THEIR LIVE MUSICAL PERFOR-MANCE!
NANASE! ALSO HAPPENED TO BE THERE
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU—
—SO I'M GIVING YOU THIS TICKET!

That day
Jesse threw his drumstick my way
...but clumsy me, I couldn't catch it
JESSE?
The drumstick flew behind me.
"WHAT A COINCIDENCE! KA-CHAN, YOU'RE HERE, TOO?
I PICKED UP THIS DRUMSTICK.
YOU CAN HAVE IT!"
and he caught it!
Nanase 6th grade
FROM THE MOMENT HE CAUGHT THIS DRUMSTICK, MY FATE CHANGED!
I brought it with me no matter where I go!
OH, I DIDN'T KNOW...
Oh, you don't tell me you were originally going to give this ticket to Nanase?
BA-
OH, HA-CHAN
YOU SHOULD HURRY UP AND CONFESS TO NINA!!


H-H-H-HOW
DID YOU KNOW?!
Who told you?
Perplexed
BLUUUUSH
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO EASY TO READ
NN..
DON'T TELL ANYONE!!
DON'T TELL NINA!!
I WON'T TELL I DID ASK HER ABOUT LOVE, THOUGH
I ASKED HER, "SO NINA, DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LIKE?"
YUP!!
IT'S RANGE!!
ANSWER
HE'S HANDSOME AND REALLY AMAZING!!
So it's like that after all
YOU CAN'T LOSE TO THAT GUY!!

I WON'T.
I HAVEN'T LOST YET!!
NOT LONG AGO, SHE EVEN SAID THAT SHE REALLY WANTED SOMEONE TO CONFESS TO HER!!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU HURRY UP AND MAKE YOUR MOVE?!
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK IT IS THAT I DON'T?!
TO MAKE A LONG STORY SHORT, IF YOU LOSE TO THAT GUY, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'M MADE OF!!
MY BE-LOVED RAN! ♡
SING US ONE ♡♡
NO WAY!


THERE'S SUCH A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHEN HE'S SCARY AND WHEN HE'S INTERESTING I'M STILL NOT USED TO IT!
IT FEELS LIKE THE BOSS RIGHT NOW IS REALLY CUTE
He was so scary before.
BOSS SURE IS DIFFERENT FROM BEFORE
And what's with that outfit?
Why?
You swing for every one last time!
Not this time! Not this time!!


SFX: don

IS THAT THE DRUMMER YOU ADMIRE SO MUCH?
SFX: cheer

W-WOW.
AH, WAKANABE!
You came to watch, too
SO THE THING ABOUT YOU GUYS GOING OUT
IS TRUE
YOU TWO LOOK PRETTY ENERGETIC
OH
HAHAHA, THEN YOU HAVE TO WORK HARD!!
I WANT TO BE LIKE HIM AND MOVE BEAUTIFULLY WHEN I PLAY THE DRUMS!!
KEEP IT UP!!
WHAT DO YOU THINK? HE WAS GREAT, WASN'T HE?

NO
SHOCK
WELL, THAT'S RIGHT
ARE YOU GUYS REALLY, REALLY GOING OUT SERIOUSLY?
You should know our company's regulations, right?
AH EH
DON'T- DON'T INTER- ROGATE ME ANY- MORE!!
FORGET IT. WE'LL DISCUSS THIS NEXT TIME
HUH?
THIS IS MY CARD
MUSIC EDGE
Music Edge Corporation
Representative of the Board of Directors
Wakanabe Mano
8307
Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku District, Tokyo Metropolitan Area Kowakuen Shinjuku Building
5352-6453
6441
"REPRE- SENTATIVE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS" ISN'T THAT
WHAT THEY CALL THE COMPANY PRESIDENT?
I JUST FOUND OUT RECENTLY, TOO!
He doesn't look like a company president at all!
HEY, KA-CHAN !!
Isn't he your manager?
OH, YEAH
I RAN INTO THAT KID FROM YOUR HOUSE A WHILE BACK

AH? WAKANABE, YOU'VE HEARD OF HIM?
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
I HAPPENED TO LISTEN TO HIM SING ONCE.
THAT MODEL, RANGE
HE DOESN'T BELONG TO ANY AGENCIES AT THE MOMENT,
BUT NO MATTER HOW GOOD A DEAL I OFFER HIM,
HE WON'T COME TO OUR COMPANY.
CAN YOU HELP ME TELL HIM,
THAT I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TALK ABOUT WITH HIM?

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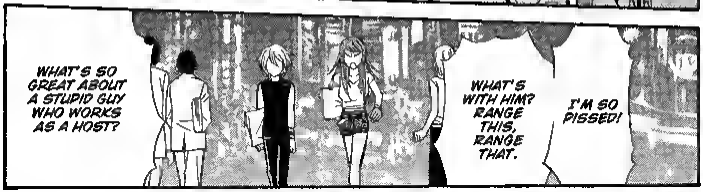
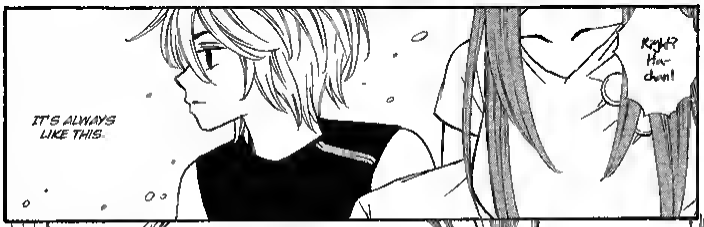
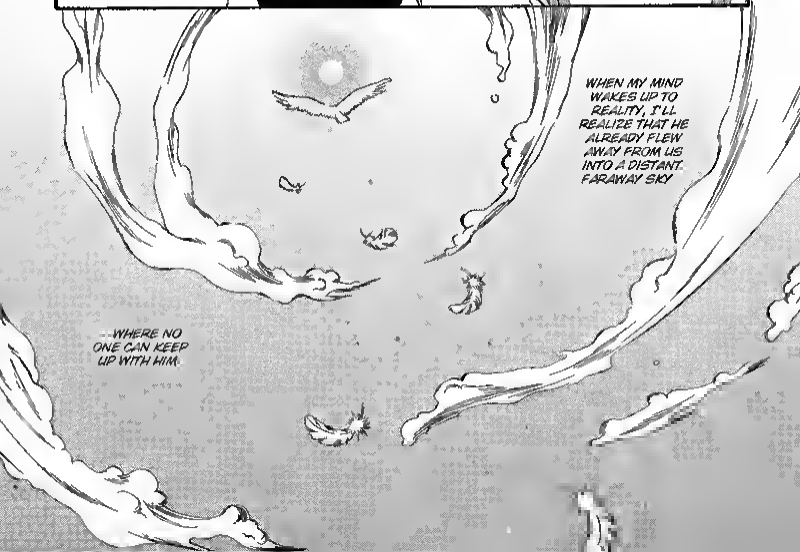
会員御礼


I'M SO PISSED!
WHAT'S WITH HIM? RANGE THIS, RANGE THAT.
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT A STUPID GUY WHO WORKS AS A HOST?


Kyah? Hin-chan!
IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS.


WHEN MY MIND WAKES UP TO REALITY, I'LL REALIZE THAT HE ALREADY FLEW AWAY FROM US INTO A DISTANT, FARAWAY SKY
--WHERE NO ONE CAN KEEP UP WITH HIM.

TO A PLACE WHERE NO ONE CAN TOUCH HIM.
BASTARD!!
THAT GUY IS JUST SOMEONE LIVING IN A TOTALLY DIFFERENT WORLD!!
THEY'RE HERE, EVERYONE'S HERE!!
BUT WILL I BE LAUGHED AT? u u
NO WAY! YOU'RE REALLY PRETTY!!
DRRR

CLACK
!
HM.
EH...
UM
I CAME HERE TO GIVE THIS TO YOU
HUH?
KA-CHAN?
SHUT UP!!
DID YOU WAKE UP ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE BED THIS MORNING?
TRY SOME

alarm
THIS TASTES LIKE AGEHA'S.
CRUNCH
FORGET ABOUT THE BISCUIT! LOOK AT KAORI!!
SHE'S REALLY PRETTY, RIGHT?!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN KA-CHAN DRESSED UP LIKE THIS...
She normally only wears jeans
SHE'S BEAUTIFUL, ISN'T SHE? ♡

IF SHE'S DRESSED UP LIKE THIS SHE CAN'T DRUM
BUT...
WHY ARE YOU DOING SOMETHING SO MEANINGLESS?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, NANASEI?!
BUT...
...THE EVENT WILL BEGIN SOON.
PRACTICE SHOULD BE MORE IMPORTANT THAN MAKING BISCUITS, RIGHT?!
THAT'S RIGHT.

SLIP
THESE OUTFITS DON'T SUIT ME AT ALL, ANYWAY!!
Whoa!
KAORI?!
HA-CHAN, LEND ME YOUR CLO-THES!!
After
FINE I'LL LEAVE
I'LL GO PRACTICE IN THE PRACTICE ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE

KA-CHAN...
Hey
NANA-SE!!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST COMPLI-MENT HER A LITTLE?!
BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT KA-CHAN WEARS, SHE'S STILL KA-CHAN
BESIDES, AT A TIME LIKE THIS...
PERFORMING ON STAGE SHOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO HER
SLAP
RUN
RUN
RUN

SEEING THE ONE SHE LIKES HAPPY, AND BEING PRAISED BY THE ONE SHE LIKES
EVEN IF THEY'RE JUST LITTLE PETTY THINGS, THEY CAN BECOME A POWER THAT MAKES HER A HUNDRED TIMES STRONGER!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING!!
IF SHE DOESN'T HAVE YOUR SUPPORT, KA-CHAN CAN'T EVEN GO ON LIKE THIS!
TAKING THE EFFORT TO DRESS UP AND SPENDING TIME ON MAKING CAKES ISN'T MEANINGLESS!
IT'S SOMETHING SHE HAS TO DO!!

ISN'T THIS WHAT LOVE IS?
I'M GOING TO GO FIND KA-CHAN!

UM...
LISTEN TO ME NANASE!
DASH DASH
ALTHOUGH I WAS THE ONE WHO TAUGHT HER HOW TO MAKE THOSE BISCUITS
KAORI WAS THE ONE WHO SPENT AN ENTIRE DAY BAKING THEM HERSELF

I HOPE KA-CHAN IS OK.
trot trot
SIGH
NO, I CAN'T CONTINUE TO BE DEPRESSED LIKE THIS I MUST SUCCEED FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE!
Smack ☆ Smack ☆
I'M FEELING MORE AND MORE INSECURE ABOUT OUR PLAN.
RANGE?
YOU'RE SO SLOW.
WEL-COME BACK.

I WENT TO A PRACTICE ROOM TO PRACTICE THE BAND'S SONG TODAY
WHAT ABOUT MY DINNER?
I MADE IT ALREADY. ISN'T IT ON THE TABLE...
WHY DOES RANGE LOOK LIKE HE'S IN A REALLY BAD MOOD?
ASKING, "WHAT ABOUT MY DINNER?" WHEN HE DOESN'T EVEN COME HOME THAT OFTEN THESE DAYS...
OH
THAT'S RIGHT...
SOMEONE CALLED WAKANABE TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU THIS
TOSS
HE SAID... mug
WHAT?
THERE'S SOMETHING HE WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH YOU.'
OH
Grumble
REALLY

HEY!
YOU THREW IT AWAY WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING AT IT!
I DON'T NEED TO
THAT PERSON IS REALLY ANNOY-ING
AND I ALREADY TOLD HIM TO STOP BOTHERING ME
WHAT IS THIS?
YOU'RE OBVIOUS-LY
IT'S SO UNFAIR.
EXTREMELY POPULAR WITH EVERYONE
YOU CAN DO ANYTHING
YOU'RE AMAZING AT EVERY-THING.
I REALLY WANT TO SHOOT HIM DOWN FROM THAT LOFTY, ARROGANT CLOUD IN THE SKY OF HIS
BUT IRONICALLY, YOU'RE NOT ACTUALLY SERIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING

I REALLY ..
IT'S SO UNFAIR. I WANT TO HOLD ONTO HIM SO HE CAN NEVER FLY AWAY AGAIN!
DON'T UNDER-STAND YOU!
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT TO DO?

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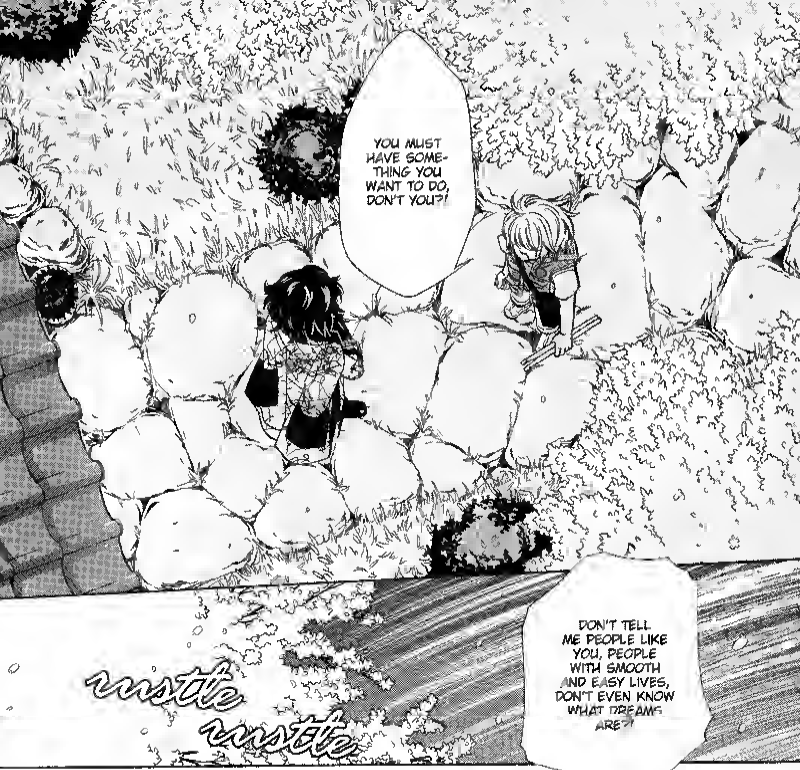
Chapter 14
SCROLL OF FIGHTING OVER FOOD, BREAK-UPS, AND THE MISSING PIECE OF FRIED CHICKEN


YOU MUST HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO DO, DON'T YOU?!
DON'T TELL ME PEOPLE LIKE YOU, PEOPLE WITH SMOOTH AND EASY LIVES, DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT DREAMS ARE?!
rustle rustle

...BUT THIS GUY IS EVEN WORSE THAN I AM!
I KNOW I'M TERRIBLE
AH I FINALLY SAID IT

HOW IMPRESSIVE!
YOU ACTUALLY DARE TO HAVE DREAMS?
YOU...
YOU THINK I'M THE WEIRD ONE, DON'T YOU?
WHY DOES EVERYONE HAVE TO BE SO DULL AND SERIOUS ALL THE TIME?
BLUSH
I THINK ALL OF YOU...
...GREW UP IN AN ENVIRONMENT FILLED WITH HAPPY IDEALS!

HAPPY PEOPLE, WHO LIVE WITH EASE, ALWAYS SURROUND YOU.
I THINK YOU'VE COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN WHAT YOU DID WITH ME BEFORE, HUH?
"LITTLE BUT-TER-FLY!"
SFX: rustle

SFX
rustle

"DID WITH ME BEFORE ?" WHAT?
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING
Spin Spin Spin

I...
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTER-DAY.
KA-CHAN
SPIN AROUND
WHAT ABOUT YESTER-DAY?
HMPH! LIKE I'D FORGIVE YOU THAT EASILY!!
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW DEEPLY I'VE BEEN HURT!
KAORI
WHAT WHAT
GOOD MORNING!!
NANASEI-SEMPAI!!

*T/N Don't worry they only call it that because it looks like a cow's tongue
SEMPAI MUST LIKE POTATO CHIPS A LOT ♡
OH, NOPE
SEMPAI, HAVE YOU EVER TRIED THIS? COW-TONGUE CAKE* FLAVORED POTATO CHIPS!!
SORRY, BUT I'M VERY BUSY RIGHT NOW!
SO ANNOYING. THEY'RE SO NOISY!!
CLACK
BREAKS
AH! KAORI-SEMPAI!
ARE YOU PRACTICING YOUR DRUMMING?
You're amazing!
IDIOT
SHOULD YOU REALLY BE CHATTING SO HAPPILY WITH OTHER PEOPLE RIGHT NOW?
Sigh
Ah! That's great! Sempai, you're so talented!!
You're already at the professional level! You're like someone in a totally different world!!
We adore you! ♡
Chatter
we should hurry up and get an autograph from you before it's too late!!
You always run into celebrities because of your job, don't you?
Chatter

CRACK!
AH...
AH...
AHHHHH!
GOD, HOW COULD IT BREAK?
AND IT JUST HAD TO BE THE ONE THAT JESSE GAVE ME!!

I WAS GOING TO USE JESSE'S DRUMSTICK FOR THE PERFOR-MANCE!!
Then why did I take it out to dream?
I'm such an idiot
D-DON'T CRY I'LL HELP YOU GLUE IT BACK TOGE-THER
Um...
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! EVEN IF YOU GLUE IT BACK TOGETHER, I WON'T BE ABLE TO USE IT ANYMORE!!
I'M STARTING TO GO NUMB ALREADY
IT'S LIKE EVERY-THING THAT'S HAPPENED IS TRYING TO GET IN MY WAY
GOD MUST NOT WANT ME TO PERFORM ON STAGE
Low Spirited
IT'S NO THING LIKE THAT!!
Boom
IS THIS CALLED... BEING HATED?
MY CLASSMATES'S ATTITUDES HAVE SUDDENLY CHANGED
THEY'RE EITHER REALLY NICE TO ME OR THEY INTENTIONALLY KEEP THEIR DISTANCE
BESIDES, NANASE! IS GETTING MORE AND MORE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS

AGEHA, SAY SOMETHING
KA-CHAN, YOU HAVE TO BE MORE POSITIVE YOU SHOULD LOOK AHEAD!!
CLATTER
IT'S TRUE AFTER ALL THE SAYING "WIN SOME, LOSE SOME" IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.
AGEHA !!
YIKES! IT'S ALL RANGE'S FAULT FOR SAYING SOMETHING WEIRD LIKE THAT.
AH! SORRY !!
SURPRISE!
NOW I CAN'T STOP THINKING ABOUT IT!!
MUTTER MUTTER MUTTER
HM DON'T TELL ME IT WAS DURING KINDER-GARTEN? IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DURING GRADE SCHOOL
WHERE EXACTLY HAVE I MET HIM BEFORE?

BEING FAMOUS REALLY DOES BRING A LOT OF TROUBLE!
BUT REALLY...
IS RANGE LIKE THAT, TOO?
EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT KNOW HIM...
HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE ANY REAL FRIENDS
A friend?
IS THIS...
...THE REASON WHY...
HE CREATED THE ALLIANCE?

GRR—
I KNOW!! HE MUST BE PLAYING WITH US!!
THAT'S
..A STUPID REASON! DON'T COMPARE ME TO THAT WEIRD HOST!!
—RR
WHAT'S WITH YOU GUYS?
I'LL PRETEND I NEVER HEARD THAT!!
Looks like he fooled me again.
RIGHT, THAT MUST BE IT! I SHOULDN'T WORRY ABOUT IT TOO MUCH!!
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO DEAL WITH HIM NOW!!

I'M SO TIRED!!
Hah
BUT I'VE DONE IT! I'VE FINALLY PLAYED IT!!
GO, MINT!!
AGEHA REALLY HAS THE DRUMMER LOOK!!
WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME FOR THE PERFORMANCE THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
BUT BRO, YOU LACK REAL BATTLE EXPERIENCE, SO DON'T BE CARELESS. YOU HAVE TO CONTINUE YOUR SPECIAL TRAINING!
Strum
Strum Strum
THAT MEANS HE'S WORRIED, RIGHT?
HE'S NEVER BEEN VERY EXPRESSIVE
Then ...

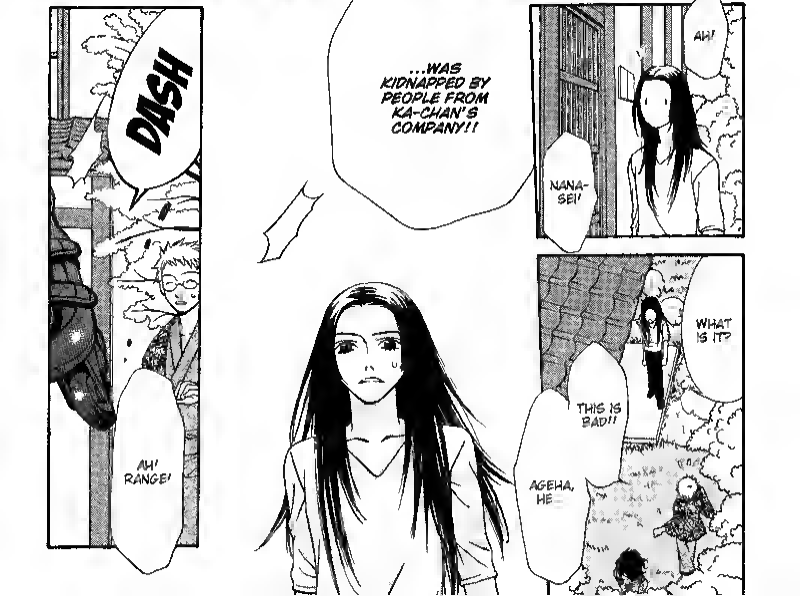
...tomorrow is the official performance day we've been waiting for.
STEEEEA
sparkle...
FRIED CHICKEN!!!
Sorry
AGEHA, WHAT ARE YOU COOKING TODAY?
DROP
FRIED CHICKEN!
SIZZLE
OK!
IT'S TOO PERFECT ♡
CLATTER
scrape
...
CLATTER
THUD
THUD
SMELL
WHISH
Hm.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE SHIBUTANI-KUN

APPROACH
CLACK
SHIBU-TANI-KUN! YOU'RE REALLY NOISY —
Kitchen's Back Door
HUH?
HOW STRANGE
WASN'T HE JUST HERE?
The fried chicken is gone, too...
rattle
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD
clatter
CRASH

SFX: growwww!
ガルルル
SLAM
Ah!
AGEHA?!
NO... IS THAT RANGE?
MANAGER KAZAMA!! AGEHA MADE THIS FRIED CHICKEN, DIDN'T HE?
NOT EVEN ONII-SAN CAN FIGHT OVER THE FOOD AGEHA MADE FOR ME!!
I want to eat!
meow!!
Hey
RANGE HAVE YOU SEEN AGEHA?
HE WAS FRYING CHICKEN IN THE KITCHEN, BUT HE SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED JUST NOW.

FLAP
THIS... A BUSINESS CARD?
WHY IS IT HERE?
IT'S THAT GUY'S COMPANY CARD
Music Edge Corporation
Production Department
Tobe Atsuro
Joyo, Shinj
SO DOES THAT MEAN...
...THAT AGEHA WAS...?
EH? THAT MUSIC COMPANY?
RIGHT... AT THE MOMENT, AGEHA IS STILL PRETENDING TO BE KA-CHAN'S...
BECAUSE OF THAT, THEY...?

...AGEHA WAS KIDNAP-PED?!
AH? DON'T TELL ME...
CRUMBLE
OH, NOOOOO
THAT ASS-HOLE!!
We're in big trouble.


DASH
AH! RANGE!
...WAS KIDNAPPED BY PEOPLE FROM KA-CHAN'S COMPANY!!
AH! NANA-SEI!
WHAT IS IT?
THIS IS BAD!!
AGEHA, HE...

WAIT UP!
I'LL GO WITH YOU!
WAKANABE WHERE ARE YOU TAKING ME?
HM. IF I WANT SOMETHING DONE, I SHOULD DO JUST DO IT MYSELF!!
IF YOU WANT SOME-THING DONE?
HM?
WHY DO I SMELL
AROMA
SOMETHING REALLY GOOD?

CLACK
OH!
KA-CHAN!
WAIT A MINUTE
EH IT'S ME
I'M COOKING DINNER FOR EVERYONE HERE
SIZZLE
AM I SEEING THINGS? HA-CHAN...
without realizing it I just...
HE'S INCREDIBLE!! THIS KID'S COOKING IS JUST FANTASTIC!!
PRESI-DENT!!
I JUST WANTED YOU GUYS TO BRING HIM HERE

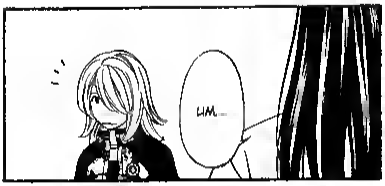
RUSTLE
THEN SUDDENLY, A FIERCE-LOOKING CAT LEAPED OUT!!
HISSSS
WEIRD CAT
Smells so good!
Growl
WE HAD JUST GOT TO THE DOOR WHEN WE SMELLED THE LOVELY SCENT OF FRIED CHICKEN
It's like climbing a mountain
RIGHT, WE WERE WALKING TO HIS HOUSE JUST LIKE YOU ORDERED US TO
heave
I couldn't just ignore them
IT'S BECAUSE THEIR NUTRITION SITUATION WAS REALLY BAD!
He's practically our SAVIOR!!
THIS KIND-HEARTED CHILD SAVED US AND THEN BROUGHT US SO MUCH GOOD FOOD!!
Are you crazy?
Fried chicken
Catch!
IS IT REALLY THAT GOOD? I THINK YOU GUYS JUST HAVEN'T HAD HOME COOKING IN A LONG TIME
ISN'T THAT GOOD? WE SHOULD TAKE THIS CHANCE TO CLEAR THINGS UP AND JUST APOLOGIZE TO EVERYONE
They should forgive us since I made all this good food, right?
AGEHA!! NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO TAKE CARE OF EVERYONE'S NUTRITION!
WE'VE BEEN CALLED HERE TO DISCUSS OUR RELATIONSHIP!!
hop
We don't go on dates like this anymore...

HELP ME FILL THIS UP!
WHOA!
THE PRESIDENT ACTUALLY TOOK OUT HIS PERSONAL BOWL!!
OH ABOUT YOU TWO DATING?
IT DOESN'T MATTER. I DON'T DISAPPROVE ANYMORE!!
WHA-?!
(BOAK!
ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR WHICH WE MUST APOLOGIZE TO EVERY-ONE
BUT THIS IS GREAT! THIS WAY, MAYBE THEY WON'T SCOLD US!!
OUR PRESIDENT WAKANABE IS A SUPER PICKY EATER. WE'VE NEVER SEEN HIM EAT A NORMAL MEAL BEFORE!!
Every time we have a dinner party choosing the restaurant is the hardest part!
IS THAT GUY THAT PICKY ABOUT HIS FOOD?
YES!!
Scoop Scoop
MUTTER MUTTER
Ohhh!

YEAH BECAUSE I CAN SEE THAT YOU TWO ARE DATING SERIOUSLY!
BUT IN EXCHANGE, YOU HAVE TO COME OFTEN TO COOK GOOD FOOD FOR ME TO EAT. OK?
DON'T TELL ME YOU APPROVE OF OUR RELATION-SHIP?!
YOU ... DON'T DISAPPROVE OF THIS?
THIS?
W-W-WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS, HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CONTINUE WITH OUR PERFOR-MANCE PLAN TOMORROW?!
Save me!!
THIS WAY YOU TWO DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP ON EACH OTHER. GO AHEAD AND KEEP DATING SERIOUSLY!!
THIS IS NOT GOOD AT ALL! IT WAS ALL A LIE!!
Congrats!
Congrats!
SINCE PRESIDENT ALREADY SAID THAT
YOU GUYS SURE ARE LUCKY!!
NO THIS —!!
PRESIDENT, IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE PLANNING TO EAT IT ALL YOUR-SELF!
GREAT, WE'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT!!
THIS WAY I WON'T HAVE TO BE TROUBL-ED ANY-MORE!!
WAIT! PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE !!

DESPI-CABLE! WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE!!
SFX: ピ
RANGE?!
Why are you here, too?
NANA-SEI!!
HEY, RANGE. YOU FINALLY CAME!
See the
YOU GUYS
NOBODY MOVE!!
Shock
SFX slurp slurp slurp
ひょいかぱ
ひょいかぱ
ひょいかぱ
WHOA!
OUR DINNER!!

WHOA!
ROLL
I WON'T GIVE HIM TO YOU!
THE FOOD HE COOKS...
CHEW CHEW
...IS ALL FOR ME!!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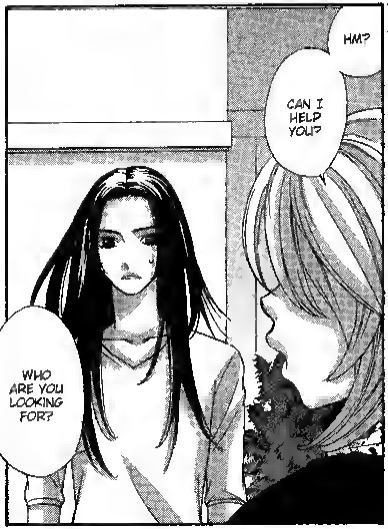
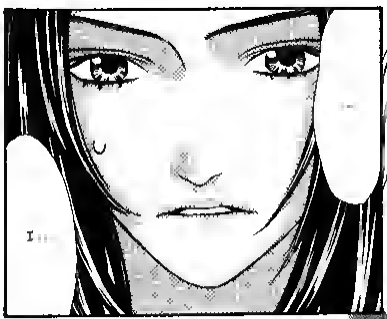
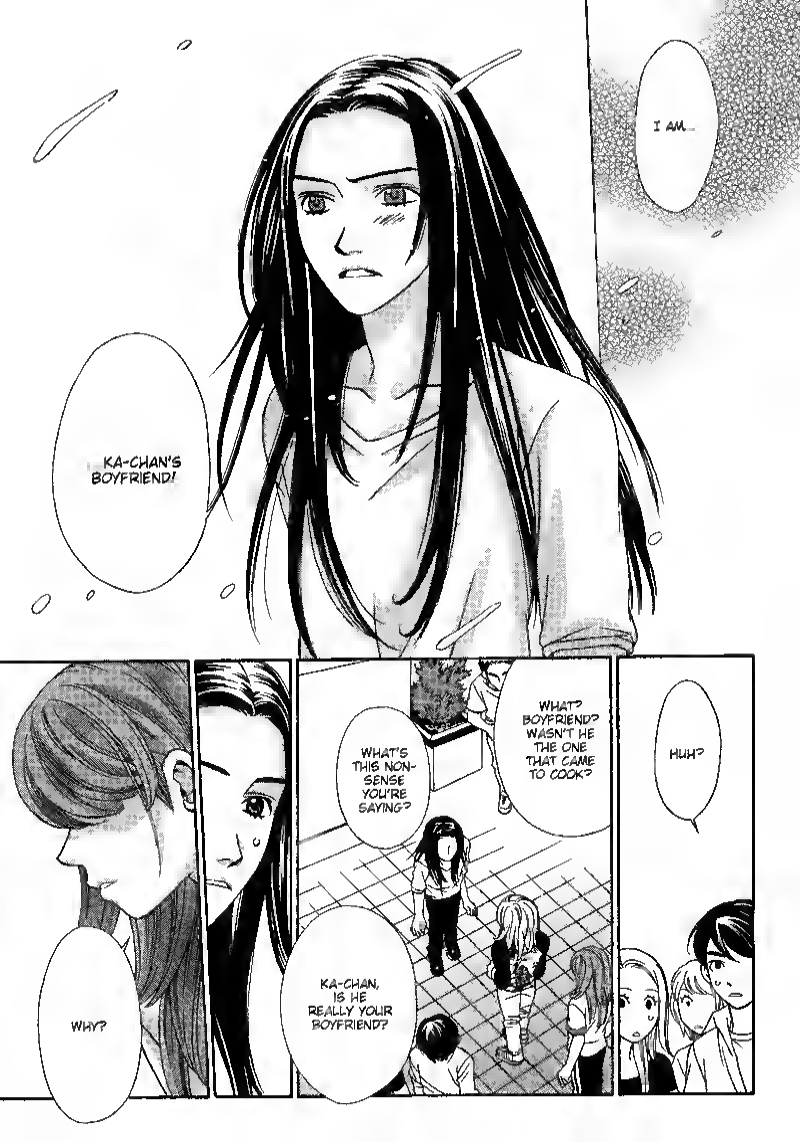

HM?
CAN I HELP YOU?
WHO ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?


I...

WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN!!
SMOOCH
SAVE MEEEE !!

W—WHOA!
STOOOP!
AHHHH!
WHAT JUST HAPPENED?
chatter
chatter
Our house
HM?


I AM...
KA-CHAN'S BOYFRIEND!
HUH?
WHAT? BOYFRIEND? WASN'T HE THE ONE THAT CAME TO COOK?
WHAT'S THIS NON-SENSE YOU'RE SAYING?
KA-CHAN, IS HE REALLY YOUR BOYFRIEND?
WHY?

WHY DO YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU WANT?
NONE OF THEM ARE
THAT'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND
...AND NEITHER IS THE OTHER ONE
I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND!
?!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
I'VE HAD ENOUGH
I'M REALLY
...TIRED ALREADY!

THE ONLY THING I NEED...
...IS MY JAZZ DRUM!!
SPLISH
SPLASH
HEY!
GOGO
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT I'M MADE OF!!
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE
!
LET ME DOWN!
DON'T THINK I'LL LET YOU CONTINUE MANIPULATING ME!!

SAYING WE'VE MET BEFORE WAS ALSO JUST A JOKE, WASN'T IT?
I DON'T WANT TO LISTEN ANY-MORE!
YOU EVEN LAUGHED AT ME FOR SAYING THAT I DARED TO HAVE DREAMS
YOU ACTUALLY THINK THAT EVERYTHING IS JUST A GAME, DON'T YOU?
IF YOU THINK NOTHING IS WORTH DOING THEN WHY DID YOU EVEN MAKE THIS ALLIANCE OR WHATEVER?!
I'M GOING BACK TO MY OWN HOME TOMORROW!

SFX rain pour
TOMORROW'S WEATHER REPORT
That night ...
...Range, Ka-chan, and Nanasei didn't come back to the house.
IT WILL CONTINUE TO POUR HEAVILY NATION-WIDE ALL DAY LONG
IF THIS CONTINUES, WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO TOMORROW'S EVENT?
HURRY AND CLEAR UP SUNNY DOLL!!

THAT'S RIGHT! WE HAVE TO MAKE A SUNNY DOLL!!
HURRY!
HURRY AND HELP ME GET SOME CLOTH AND ROPE!!
That night, everyone made sixty-three Sunny Dolls together.
pour
How-ever ...
...the rain continued nonstop.

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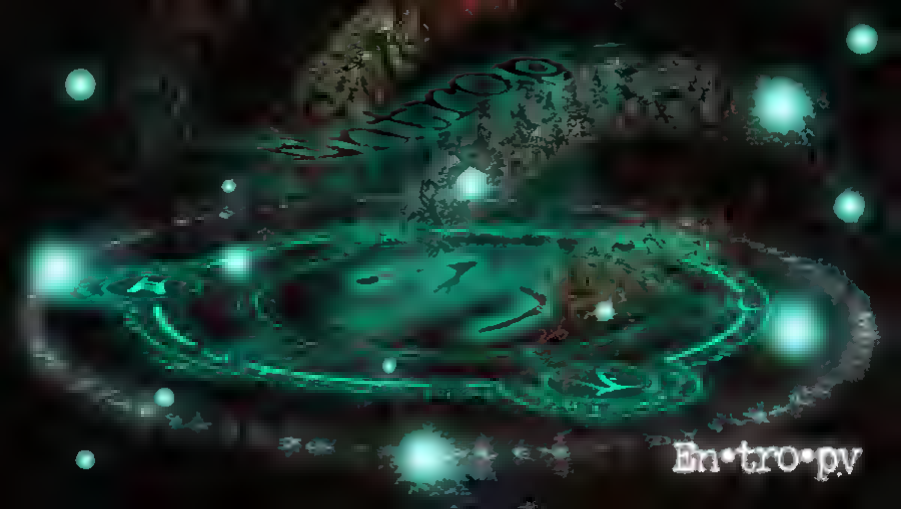
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SCROLL OF HEAVY RAIN, PERFORMANCE, AND THE APPEARANCE OF MINT
PEZ
PEZ

NOVA

7/9 ROCK·FE
YES
OK.
I UNDER-STAND.
THANK YOU.
•AM:1100～

SIGH
IT'S NO GOOD AFTER ALL
ALL MY HARD WORK

CHING
TODAY'S EVENT WAS CANCELLED.

!
FWISH
SLIDE
STEP!
chatter
KAORI, I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT YESTERDAY. DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AFTERWARDS?
chatter
TODAY'S EVENT WAS CANCELLED DUE TO HEAVY RAIN!!
chatter
chatter
K-KAORI-CHAN!
WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO LAST NIGHT?
By the way, Nana-chan and I broke up!!
What-ever. Nothing matters anymore!!

I PLAYED THE DRUMS ALL NIGHT YESTERDAY I'M SO TIRED!
IT DOESN'T MATTER ANYMORE! IT'S FINE!! I'M OK AS LONG AS I HAVE MY DRUMS!!
WAIT A MINUTE! WHEN YOU SAY THAT YOU TWO BROKE UP, WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
EVEN IF THE EVENT WAS CANCELLED, I CAN STILL KEEP DRUMMING!
...?!
WHAT?
BROKE UP?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO USE THIS CHANCE TO PERSUADE YOUR PARENTS?
THEY CAN THINK WHATEVER THEY WANT!!
KAORI ...
I'M TAKING A BATH!!

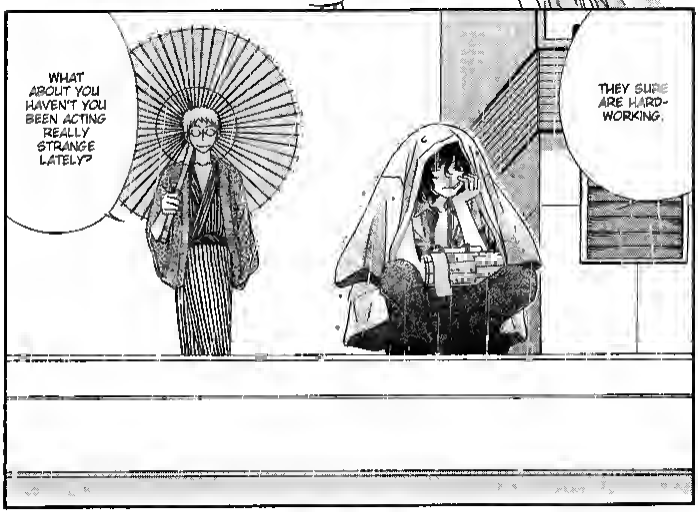
SFX slam
ハァ
AH? YOU WANT TO BATHE TOGETHER?
LISTEN TO ME!! YOU...
THAT'S NOT IT!!
YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME ANYMORE.
HAVEN'T WE BEEN WORKING HARD FOR THIS?!
WHY ARE YOU GIVING UP AT NOW?!

I'M REALLY SORRY THAT I GAVE EVERYONE SO MUCH TROUBLE
IT WAS VERY TROU-BLE-SOME!
FORGET YOU!! I'M GOING TO WORK HARD FOR MYSELF!!
I HAVE TO PERFORM!!
HOW CAN I LET ALL THAT HARD WORK I PUT INTO SPECIAL TRAINING GO TO WASTE?! I'LL DEFINITELY MAKE YOU LISTEN TO ME PLAY!!
MINT MUST PERFORM TODAY!!

IT'S MY FAULT IT BROKE IT IN HALF.
ONCE IT'S BROKEN, THERE'S NO WAY IT CAN BE RESTORED TO HOW IT WAS.
SSRRIIII
I'M GOING, TOO!
AGEHA-CHAN! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M GOING TO FIND SOME-WHERE WHERE WE CAN PERFORM!
WAP
POUR
SFX: pour
THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT, EITHER

YOU WANT TO PERFORM HERE?
BUM 20
SORRY!
WE BOOKED THIS PLACE ALREADY!
Don't bother me.
AH! NO NO!
WE CAN'T HOLD THOSE ACTIVITIES HERE!
BESIDES WE'VE ALREADY ARRANGED FOR DIFFERENT KINDS OF PERFORMANCES THIS AFTERNOON.
YOU GUYS HAVE NEVER PERFORMED OFFICIALLY BEFORE, RIGHT?
EVEN IF WE CAN'T FIND A PLACE, WE CAN STILL PERFORM, EVEN IF IT'S IN THE RAIN!
THERE MUST BE A WAY!
WHO KNEW IT WOULD BE THIS HARD TO FIND?
THAT WOULD HAVE AN EVEN BETTER CONCERT ATMOSPHERE!
IT'S COMPLETELY BOOKED EVERYWHERE, EVEN WHEN IT'S RAINING HARD LIKE THIS

Ah!
What do you think about performing at school?
Oh, yeah! There's still the school!!
?
IS SOMETHING WRONG? Are you tired?
HUH?
No, I'M NOT TIRED.
But Nnn you probably wouldn't like that huh? ^_^

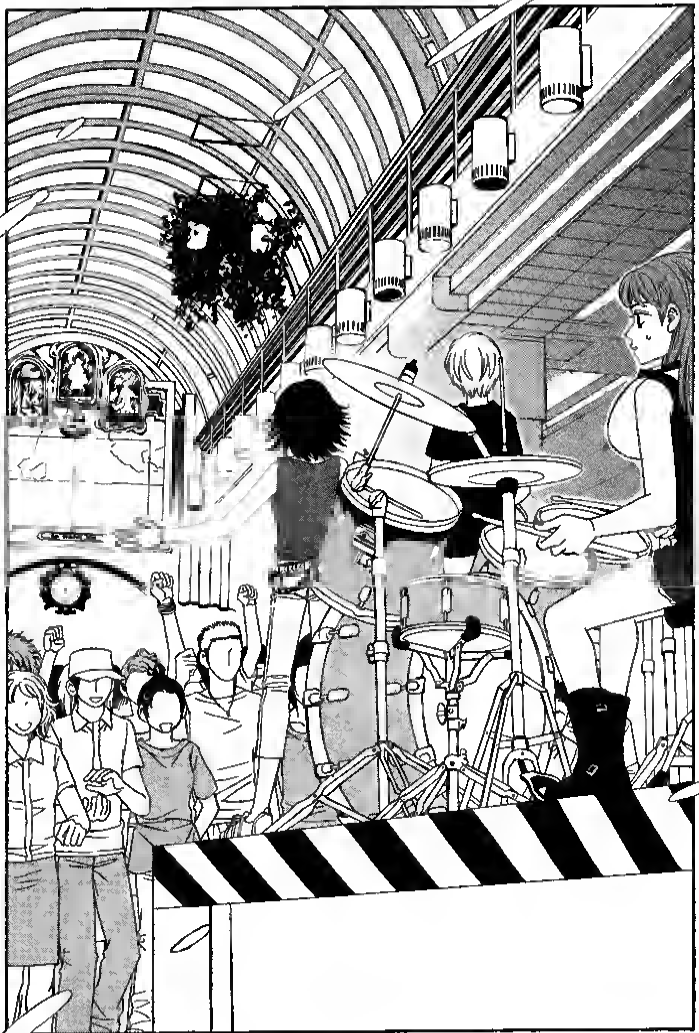

WHAT ABOUT YOU HAVEN'T YOU BEEN ACTING REALLY STRANGE LATELY?
THEY SURE ARE HARD-WORKING.

OH, JEEZ.
IT'S NO FUN WHEN THE OPPONENT STARTS GETTING SERIOUS
ARE YOU REALLY JUST PLAYING A GAME?
DON'T WORRY.
THE ONE YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR THESE PAST TEN YEARS...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
IS HIM, RIGHT?
YOU
HE'S REALLY STRONG.

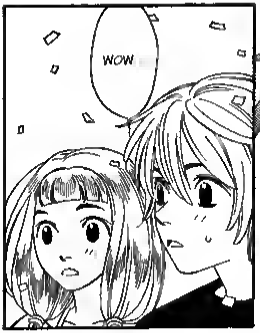
pour
KAORI !!
SLAM
THUD THUD THUD
TWITCH
SFX. alarmed

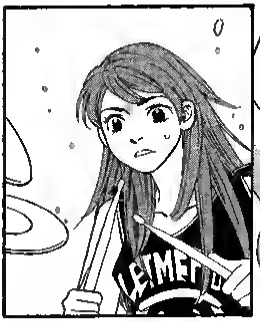
DIDN'T YOU SAY THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING YOU WANTED ME TO SEE TODAY?
pour
BUT THE EVENT WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE RAIN
I SHOULD BE THE ONE ASKING YOU THAT!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU STUPID DAUGHTER!
HURRY AND GET UP!
IF YOU WANT TO PERFORM, THERE ARE PLENTY OF PLACES FOR THAT!!

BANG
WHAT? YOU FOUND A PLACE TO WHERE WE CAN PERFORM ALREADY?
YUP IT'S RIGHT AHEAD OF US!
LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE IS THERE ALREADY!
THIS IS...?
WHAT?
IT'S THE STREET MARKET!
IT'S WHERE I GO TO BUY THINGS EVERYDAY



SFX: cheer
GREAT! KAORI-CHAN!!
YOU'RE SO AWE-SOME!!
JAPAN'S NUMBER ONE!!
HUH?
WHAT?
whistle
whistle
AGEHA-CHAN!
MANAGER KAZAMA, DID YOU BUILD THIS PER-FORMANCE STAGE?
THE PLACE ALREADY HAD A ROOF TO PROTECT IT FROM THE RAIN. BUT TO DECORATE IT SO WELL...
IT WASN'T ME.
MANAGER KAZAMA!





IF YOUR EVENTS ARE EVER CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN, PLEASE COME HERE TO PERFORM.

WE'VE ALL BEEN TOGETHER EVER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE SO EVERYONE WANTS TO SUPPORT KAORI-CHAN'S DREAM

EVERYONE AGREED ON USING THIS PLACE FOR YOUR PERFORMANCE

BANG
WAH
KEEP IT UP!
WE SUPPORT YOU!
AH
AH
KAORI-CHAN I LOVE YOU!!
YAY!
AH
AAH
OLD MAN
I DON'T UNDERSTAND ANY OF THIS MUSIC STUFF.
KAORI!
Bye!

IF YOU WANT TO MAKE A LIVING BY PLAYING MUSIC,
YOU SHOULD BE WORTHY OF YOURSELF AND THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU
LISTEN WELL. EVEN THE BEST VEGETABLES STILL NEED TO RELY ON SUNLIGHT, AIR, AND WATER TO GROW.
...AND SO DO YOU. IF YOU HAD JUST RELIED ON YOUR OWN STRENGTH, YOU COULDN'T HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WHAT YOU HAVE TODAY.
I HOPE YOU'LL ALWAYS KEEP THAT IN MIND.
I WON'T NAG MUCH ABOUT YOUR FUTURE ANYMORE!

I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! YOUR OLD MAN IS ACTING ALL COOL AGAIN!
Finally it's my turn to appear!
YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN SECRETLY WORRIED ABOUT KAORI! YOU WORRY YOURSELF SICK ABOUT HER!
DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO!
IF YOU EVER FEEL TIRED, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A STEAMING HOT MEAL WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME!
DASH!
KAORI!
ZAG
WHAT IS IT?
YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY! YOU'VE FINALLY BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED BY EVERYONE!

I'M TERRIBLE
I'VE COMPLETELY NEGLECTED EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING AROUND ME. I HAVEN'T BEEN THINKING ABOUT THEM AT ALL
I JUST DID WHAT EVER I WANTED.
I ONLY PICKED THE THINGS I LIKE
KAORI ...
EOPLE LIKE ME...
KAORI!
...DON'T EVEN HAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME A PROFESSIONAL!!

NANASE!?
WHERE DID YOU RUN OFF TO?!
HUH?
THE PERFORMANCE IS OVER ALREADY?
uu
scuttle scuttle
PLOP!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Don't look at me Nana-chan.
I'm horrible.
You must really hate me now.

I'M A WOMAN THAT DUMPED YOU FOR MY DRUMS!!
LIAR!!
I DON'T HATE YOU
Come Here
What's this!?
Um.
I HOPE THAT EVEN MORE PEOPLE...
CAN LISTEN TO THE SOUND OF YOUR DRUMS
I THINK YOU'RE REALLY INCREDIBLE
I ONLY HAVE TO LISTEN TO YOU TO BE ENERGIZED A HUNDRED TIMES OVER.
THE SOUND OF YOUR DRUMS IS FILLED WITH YOUR PASSION FOR THEM
KA-CHAN

OH YEAH
THIS IS FOR YOU
!
JESSE'S DRUM-STICK?
WHAT? HOW'S THAT POSSIBLE?
THAT WASN'T EASY TO GET!
HE DIDN'T SLEEP ALL NIGHT
HE JUST KEPT SAYING, "I HOPE KAORI WILL BE ABLE TO HOLD ONTO HER TREASURE ONCE AGAIN."
UNTIL JESSE HIMSELF CAME TO VISIT HE EVEN MANAGED TO GET AN AUTOGRAPH

YOU HAVE TO USE IT, OK?!
HERE!
IT'S FOR YOU!
I ALSO REALLY ADMIRE HIS DETERMINATION!
DON'T TELL ME THAT TIME WAS ALSO ..?
AH
I PICKED UP THIS STICK
YOU CAN HAVE IT!
AND ..
THIS TIME
BUT ..
..I WAS BEING REALLY STUBBORN EARLIER.
FOR A WHILE I EVEN THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS IT REALLY WAS OVER BETWEEN US
...I SINCERELY WANT TO BECOME THE SOURCE OF KA-CHAN'S ENERGY

COULD YOU...
...LET ME STAY BY YOUR SIDE ONCE AGAIN?

WAHHHH!!
drip
drip
wuu
Sorry!
Nanase!
wahhh!
what happened? what happened?
THIS IS GREAT!
WHAT THE HECK, I WAS ALL NERVOUS FOR NO REASON.
OH, YEAH! LET'S PERFORM HERE, TOO!
OH, YEAH!
WHERE'S AKANE?
I'm here.
THEN NANASEI, THE GUITAR PART.

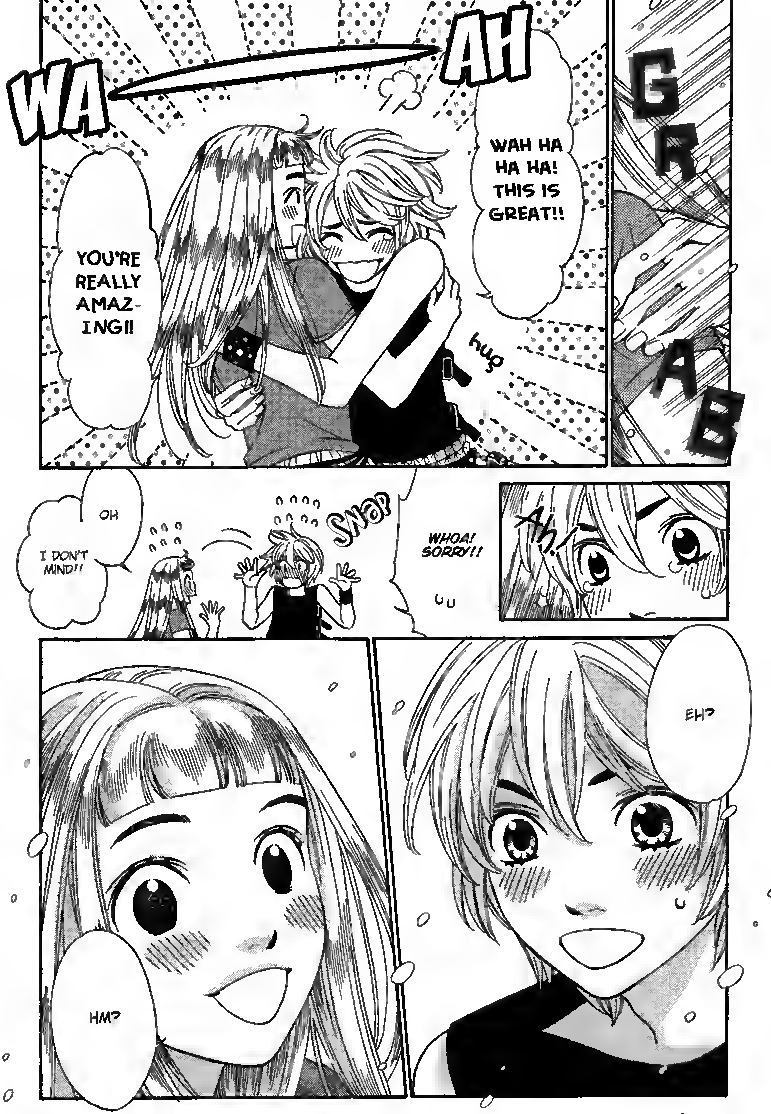
SFX: clatter
SWAP
I'LL JUST TAKE IT OFF!
Nnn-chan!
thud
I'M HUNGRY
GROW
rumble
IF YOU NEED A GUITARIST, THERE'S ONE HERE
And to think, I worked all that evening practicing so hard
discuss discuss
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? CAN WE STILL PERFORM WITHOUT A GUITARIST?
ARE YOU KIDDING ME?! HOW CAN YOU PLAY WITH YOUR RIGHT ARM BROKEN?!
Coming to mess things up again
AH THIS?
10
MA
WHOA!
RANGE !!

WAIT A MINUTE... WHEN DID YOUR ARM GET BETTER?
AROUND FIFTEEN DAYS AGO.
It healed faster than expected
Swiff Swiff
THEN THAT'S GREAT! LET'S ALL PERFORM TOGETHER!!
OH!
THE ARIHARA FAMILY'S BROTHERS!
HELLO, EVERYONE!! WE ARE MUNI!!
WE'RE ABOUT TO PERFORM A SONG FOR EVERYONE!!

Don't shout so much.
JEEZ. I DON'T WANT TO PERFORM WITH RANGE, EITHER.
IT'S LIKE I'M BEING CONTROLLED LIKE A PUPPET...
...?
WEIRD...
Pour
AH!
WHY DO I FEEL LIKE...
MY HEART IS BEATING REALLY FAST?
THE RAIN STOPPED!
MY BODY IS MOVING NATURALLY ON ITS OWN!

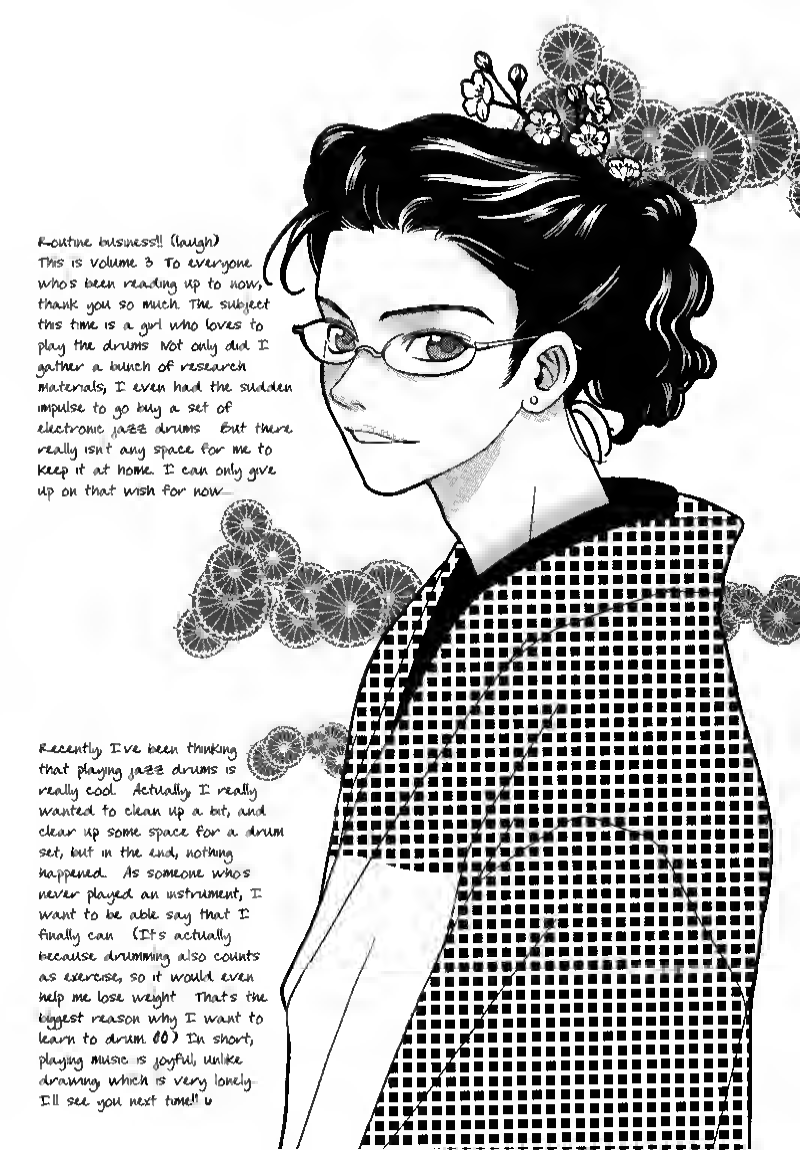
FLYING TOWARDS THE SKY!
SUPPORTING EACH OTHER AND ASCENDING ..
SPREADING ITS WINGS AND FLYING HIGH!
THE MUSIC
IS LOUD AND CLEAR
IT'S OVERLAPPING

THUM THUMP THUMP
WAH
AH
AGEHA CHAN!!
AH
THIS IS GREAT!!
AH


WA
AH
YOU'RE REALLY AMAZ-ING!!
WAH HA HA HA! THIS IS GREAT!!
hug
GRAB
OH I DON'T MIND!!
Swap
WHOA! SORRY!!
Ah!
HM?
EH?

pull
SORRY TO INTRUDE.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?!
YOU REALLY DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING AT ALL?
ALL RIGHT, FORGET IT IF YOU DON'T REMEMBER
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED SO LONG AGO?!
AH?
HAVE WE REALLY MET EACH OTHER BEFORE?
SPEAK CLEARLY, RANGE!
WHY DO ALL OF YOU HAVE PEZ ON YOU?
DON'T YOU KNOW?
THE FIRST FLAVOR THAT PEZ RELEASED WAS MINT! IT'S REALLY CUTE, SO WE USED IT AS OUR BAND NAME
TCH!

RANGE!!
I'm asking you a question!
WHY DON'T YOU ASK YOURSELF?
What the heck?! You're pissing me off!
GRUMBLE
WE FEEL HAPPY WHEN WE USE OUR MOUTHS TO EAT
WE FEEL HAPPY WHEN WE USE OUR EARS TO LISTEN TO MUSIC ♪
Ha ha ha
AH!
A RAINBOW! ♡
I think ...
...I should still...
...stay here for now.
OH, RIGHT SINCE I COME TO WATCH THIS PERFORMANCE EVERY YEAR, I SHOULD'VE KNOWN
ACTUALLY, WHEN IT HAPPENS TO RAIN ON THE PERFORMANCE DATE THE ACTIVITIES ARE AUTOMATICALLY POSTPONED FOR THE NEXT WEEK
WHAT ?
SHIBUTANI-KUN TOMO NO KAI 3 END



Routine business!! (laugh)
This is volume 3. To everyone who's been reading up to now, thank you so much. The subject this time is a girl who loves to play the drums. Not only did I gather a bunch of research materials, I even had the sudden impulse to go buy a set of electronic jazz drums. But there really isn't any space for me to keep it at home. I can only give up on that wish for now—

Recently, I've been thinking that playing jazz drums is really cool. Actually, I really wanted to clean up a bit, and clear up some space for a drum set, but in the end, nothing happened. As someone who's never played an instrument, I want to be able say that I finally can. (It's actually because drumming also counts as exercise, so it would even help me lose weight. That's the biggest reason why I want to learn to drum. OO) In short, playing music is joyful, unlike drawing, which is very lonely. I'll see you next time!! u

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